

*“Worship The Lamb!”*

## 1. **Intro:**

- 1.1. **Prayer:** God *prime our hearts, & prepares our minds!*
- 1.2. In one wonderful moment John experiences the **purpose** for which mankind was created – *“union with God”*.
- 1.3. **Worship = to ascribe Worth!**
  - 1.3.1. Worship means, **“To use all that we are & have, to Praise God for all that He is & does!”** (www)
- 1.4. **Worship is also Wonder!**
  - 1.4.1. Thomas Carlyle said, **“Wonder is the basis of worship”**.
  - 1.4.2. Wonder is **“a priceless ingredient in the life of any thinking person!”**
- 1.5. Last week Pastor Dan shared on ch.4 (*Worship of the Father*)
  - 1.5.1. **Now the spot light moves to the Lamb.**
  - 1.5.2. Drawing every eye, & prompting endless Praise!
    - 1.5.2.1. **Q:** Why would they do this in the sight of **God the Father** if Jesus was not God?

## 2. **WORTHY! (1-14)**

- 2.1. **THE QUESTION!** (1,2)
- 2.2. Explain scroll w/7 seals:
- 2.3. **Why 7 seals?**
  - 2.3.1. **One document that was sealed w/7 seals was a Will!**
  - 2.3.2. Under Roman law the 7 witnesses to a Will sealed it w/their seals(wax, along 1 edge), & it only could be opened w/all 7, or their representatives.
  - 2.3.3. **This was the case with both Caesar Augustus & Emperor Vespian.**
  - 2.3.4. So, such a document was sealed with wax or clay & could be opened only by a qualified person.
- 2.4. (2) The issue wasn't finding someone **“willing”!**
  - 2.4.1. **Many a men were willing to rule the earth:** Alexander the Great, Genghis Khan, Napoleon, Hitler,...The issue wasn't who was **“willing”** but who was **“Worthy”**.
  - 2.4.2. **We hear no voice speak up...“Here give me that scroll”...not Abraham, not Peter, not even Mary!**
- 2.5. **THE LION, THE ROOT, & THE LAMB!** (3-7)
- 2.6. (5) Only the Lion from the Tribe of Judah has the **moral right** to open the scroll which will reveal & bring about history's completion.

- 2.6.1. **Many call this Scroll:** “Gods Will, His final settlement of the affairs of the universe, the Title Deed to creation.”
- 2.6.2. From what’s written on the scroll(ch.6) it’s obvious the subject of the scroll is regarding the sphere of man.
- 2.6.3. **The right to rule the earth is about to be declared at the Throne of God, once & for All!**
- 2.7. **THE LION!**
- 2.7.1. **Why a Lion?**
- 2.7.2. **Read! Gen.49:8-10**
- 2.7.3. Lion speaks of “*Dignity, Sovereignty, Courage, Victory!*”
- 2.8. **THE ROOT!**
- 2.8.1. **Why a Root?** Because he **existed before** David & brought David’s kingly line into being.
- 2.8.2. **Is.11:1** - As far as His **Humanity** was concerned - **Jesus had his roots in David.**
- 2.8.3. **Is.11:10** - As far as His **Divinity** was concerned - **Jesus is the root of Jesse**(David’s dad).
- 2.8.4. Remember when Jesus asked the Pharisees how the Messiah could both be David’s **Lord** & David’s **son**? (they couldn’t answer) Mt.22:41-46.
- 2.9. **THE LAMB!**
- 2.9.1. **Why a Lamb?** – Because only through His *sacrificial atonement* is our future w/God possible.
- 2.9.2. When John turned around to see the Lion, he saw a Lamb!
- 2.9.3. A **standing lamb**, w/blood on it, w/7 horns(power), & 7 eyes(7 sp.)!
- 2.9.4. **Slain... (i.e.) He still had the markings! {To remind man for eternity the “cost” of their redemption!}**
- 2.9.5. Yet, He was **standing...**meaning **Victorious!**
- 2.9.6. Emphasis then on His Res. not on the crucifixion... “Had been slain”.
- 2.9.7. **Jesus is called “Lamb” 29 times in the book of Rev.**
- 2.10. **Q: How can He be both Lamb & Lion?**
- 2.10.1. They represent 2 aspects of Jesus’ nature: the **Royal** & the **Sacrificial!**
- 2.10.1.1. As **Lamb** he offers salvation [**Sacrificial**]
- 2.10.1.2. As a **Lion** He judges those who reject Him [**Royal**]
- 2.11. **Note the Progressive Rev. of Redemption:**
- 2.11.1. **[1] In the beginning** 1 animal was sac. per **Individual!** (Adam/Eve)
- 2.11.2. **[2] At Passover** 1 animal was sac. per **Family!**
- 2.11.3. **[3] On the Day of Atonement** 1 sac. per **Nation!**
- 2.11.4. **[4] John the Baptist** announced 1 Lamb that would take sins away from **the Whole world!**

- 2.11.5. The O.T. question from Isaac was, “Where is the Lamb?”
- 2.11.6. The N.T. answer from John the Baptist was, “Behold the Lamb of God!”
- 2.11.7. The Choirs in Heaven will sing, “Worthy is the Lamb!”
- 2.12. (7) Satan offered Him the whole world in return for **one act of worship**(Mt.4:8-10), but **Jesus** won the right to receive the scroll when He gave Himself on the cross.
- 2.13. **WORTHY Times 4!** (8-10)
- 2.14. (8) Incense – represents prayer.
- 2.14.1. Ps.141:1,2.
- 2.15. If you ever thought your prayers don’t matter, look at these stored here!
- 2.15.1. The prayers of God’s people play a **vital part** in God’s governing of the world. 😊
- 2.16. I wonder...will we play *air harps* in heaven? hmmm
- 2.17. **Worthy** – He is worthy not only because He is Creator(4:11) but even more because he is our redeemer.
- 2.18. A 5-fold new song:
- 2.18.1. [1] **A Worship Song** - “you are worthy”.
- 2.18.2. [2] **A Gospel Song** - “you were slain...have redeemed...by your blood”
- 2.18.2.1. Interesting, **Heaven** sings about the Cross & the Blood, & yet **some churches** today have omitted all Hymns with this subject matter out of their hymn books!
- 2.18.3. [3] **A Missionary song** - “Every tribe, tongue, people, nation”.
- 2.18.3.1. Lifted from **Daniel 7:13,14**.
- 2.18.3.2. The **church** now serves as **Israel** once did, with the tasks of **worshipping God & making Him known** to the world.
- 2.18.3.3. **Q:** What does this mean for evangelism that the Lamb **has** purchased people from every tribe, language, people, & nation?
- 2.18.4. [4] **A Priestly song** - “and have made us a kingdom of priests”.
- 2.18.5. [5] **A Prophetic song** - “We shall reign on earth”.
- 2.18.5.1. The future is to share Christ’s rule on earth.
- 2.19. (9) **New?** – It’s 2000 years old!
- 2.19.1. **New**, **not** in time or origin; **but new** in the sense of its nature, something previously unknown & unprecedented.
- 2.19.2. **Moses song in Ex.15 was a song of redemption from Egypt.**
- 2.19.2.1. **A new work of redemption calls for a new song!**
- 2.20. **Redeemed** - In 1776 **Thomas Paine**, American Revolution patriot and writer, wrote about the price of **freedom**: What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly; 'tis **dearness only** that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed, if so celestial an article as **Freedom** should not be highly rated.

- 2.21. **WORTHY Times 7!** (11,12)
- 2.22. Note the 7 things.
- 2.23. **WORTHY Times 4, Times 2!** (13,14)
- 2.24. Note the 4 things. Plus it is to both receiving it!
- 2.25. (13) The whole heaven **explodes** into praise! [*The crescendo of worship!*]
- 2.26. Notice how *contagious, infectious, irresistible, & communicable* true Worship is!
- 2.26.1. From: the **4 living creatures**(4:8); to the **24 elders**(4:10);  
to the multitudes in heaven(4:12; 5:9,10); to **every creature** above,  
on, & under the earth(5:13)
- 2.26.1.1. Even the demonic world & unsaved humanity thus fulfilling  
Phil.2:9-11.
- 2.27. Heaven is a place of worship, so begin to get ready now to join in the praise!
- 2.27.1. This isn't a "*do we have to*" thing!
- 2.27.2. It's what happens automatically when a good song comes on in a store where it's hard not to tap your foot, whistle, or sing to.
- 2.27.2.1. **Ex:** Today at Submarina, when an *oldie song* came on.
- 2.28. **Times 2** – Worship is to be given to **both** the Father & Jesus!
- 2.28.1. **Athanasian Creed** states, "We worship one God in Trinity, & Trinity in Unity; neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Substance."
- 2.28.2. Both receiving worship thus again proving **Christ to be God!**
- 2.29. **Shock & Awe!**
- 2.29.1. **Elihu** said, "**Behold, God is great, and we do not know Him.**" Job 36:26
- 2.29.2. **Zophar** said to Job "**Can you search out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limits of the Almighty?**" Job 11:7
- 2.29.3. **Paul** said, "**Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!**" Rom. 11:33
- 2.29.4. **Read** - "*Screwtape*" (Pg.49 Real Worship)
- 2.30. **Worship is** to feel in your heart and express in some appropriate manner a humbling but delightful sense of **admiring awe** and **astonished wonder** and **overpowering love** in the presence of that most ancient Mystery, that Majesty which philosophers call the First Cause, but which we call Our Father Which Are in Heaven. A. W. Tozer
- 2.31. (14) The 4 living Creatures are a little Pentecostal... "**Amen**"!
- 2.31.1. **Q:** Hearing this praise to Jesus as the Redeemer - Do you find your heart saying Amen?
- 2.31.2. **Q:** Last week you may have agreed to Worship God as **Creator**; but how about Jesus as **Redeemer**?