

“WORTHY IS THE LAMB”: THE CHRIST IN GLORY

Introduction

- 1) A vision of heaven is opened to John’s sight and he sees Him who sits on the throne (Rev. 4)
 - a) Held a scroll sealed with seven seals, but no one found worthy to open the scroll (5:1-3)
 - b) As John weeps, he is told of One found worthy – the Lion of the tribe of Judah (5:4-5)
 - c) As John looks to see this Lion, he sees instead a “Lamb as though it had been slain” (5:6-7)
 - d) John is privileged to see Him who perfectly combines fierce strength and gentle humility
- 2) **“Worthy is the Lamb!”** exclaims the heavenly host of Jesus, the **Lamb of God** (Rev. 5:11-12)
 - a) A symbol of Jesus’ sacrificial role in saving man from sin (Gen. 22:7-8; Isa. 53:7; Jn. 1:29)
- 3) There is much to be said about Jesus today – *Worthy is the Christ in glory!!*

I) JESUS – THE WORD WAS GOD IN THE BEGINNING

- A) Jesus was in the beginning as the Word and as Creator (Jn. 1:1, 3)
 - 1) “The Beginning of the creation of God” (Rev. 3:14)
 - a) Preeminent position as the First Cause of all things (cf. Col. 1:15-17)
- B) Jesus, the Word, is from “days of eternity” (Micah 5:2; Isa. 9:6)
 - 1) Because He is God, there was no one “before” Jesus, the I AM (Jn. 8:56-58)

II) JESUS – THE MESSIAH TO COME

- A) The Old Testament prophets prophesied of the “grace that would come to you,” and the Spirit “testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow” (1 Pet. 1:10-12)
- B) Over 300 OT prophecies pointed to the coming of Jesus (Psa. 40:6-8; Heb. 10:5-7)
 - 1) Birth (Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:23)
 - 2) Life (Isa. 42:1-4; Matt. 12:15-21)
 - 3) Suffering and Death (Isa. 53; Acts 8:30-35)
- C) These prophecies were completely fulfilled in Jesus (Matt. 5:17; Lk. 24:44-47)

III) JESUS – THE PROMISED SAVIOR OF THE WORLD

- A) Jesus came as the salvation of God for sinful man (Lk. 2:25-32; 36-38; 19:10; Titus 2:11)
 - 1) OT prophets witnessed that faith in Christ would bring remission of sins (Acts 10:43)
 - 2) Jesus was the promised seed through whom all nations would be blessed (Acts 3:19-26)
- B) Death of Jesus provided the blood that sanctifies and cleanses (Heb. 10:9-10; Rev. 1:5; 5:9)

IV) JESUS – OUR LORD IN GLORY

- A) The prophets spoke of the glories of Christ that would follow His sufferings (1 Pet. 1:11)
 - 1) All these prophetic fulfillments demonstrate God’s eternal purpose in Christ
- B) Jesus had glory in eternity with the Father and would return to it (Jn. 17:5)
 - 1) Jesus humbly set aside this divine glory to come in the likeness of men (Phil. 2:5-8)
- C) Jesus ascended to the Father and received glory and a kingdom (Dan. 7:13-14)
 - 1) Sat down at the right hand of God on the throne of David (Psa. 110:1-2; Acts 2:33-35, 36)
 - 2) Name exalted above all (Eph. 1:20-21; Phil. 2:9-11); Ruler over all (Rev. 1:5; 12:5; 19:16)
- D) The glorious visions of Christ in the book of Revelation
 - 1) Glory, majesty, strength, and authority; alive forevermore; keys of Death (1:10-18; cf. 1:5)
 - 2) A Lion of the tribe of Judah and a Lamb as though it had been slain (5:5-6)
 - 3) Faithful and true; goes forth with power and wrath in battle against evil (cf. 19:11-16)
- E) Jesus continues as the glorious Lamb of God standing on Mount Zion with the faithful (14:1)

- 1) The Lordship of Jesus must have a deep impact on our lives as to our moral and doctrinal beliefs and actions (Col. 2:5-10; Rom. 13:12-14)

Conclusion

V) **JESUS – THE FIRST AND THE LAST**

A) Jesus told John, “Do not be afraid; I am **the First and the Last**” (Rev. 1:17; 2:8; 22:13)

B) In the last day Jesus will sit on the throne of judgment (Rev. 20:11-13; 2 Cor. 5:10)

C) Worthy is our **Savior**, who saves us from the wrath of God against sin!

Worthy is our **King**, in whose kingdom we serve and by whose authority we act!

Worthy is our **High Priest**, by whose blood we are redeemed now and forever!

Worthy is our **Judge**, before whom we shall stand justified and vindicated!

Conclusion

Jesus encompasses all eternity, and through Him God’s eternal purpose is accomplished (Eph. 3:8-12). Is your life centered in Him and His will, the “author and finisher” of our faith (Heb. 12:2)? Will you confess that Jesus Christ is Lord today and obey His will (Phil. 2:9-11; Rom. 10:9-10)?