

The Love of God

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Read – *Revelation 4; 5*

Write your initials in the blank after you have read this passage. _____

Answer the questions.

1. How long does the One on the throne live? _____
2. Who is worthy to open the book? _____
3. What do the golden vials contain? _____
4. Who or what glorified Jesus by saying, "Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for and ever"?

ANALYZE THE BIBLE READING

In Chapters 4 and 5 of Revelation, a powerful voice like the blast of a trumpet calls John to look into the throne room of God in Heaven. John sees God upon His throne, so radiant and glorious His appearance is like precious stones. A rainbow of emerald green light shines from God on His throne as lightning flashes and thunder crashes. Voices call out through the thunder, praising the Lord of Heaven.

Around this seat of majesty and power are gathered twenty-four elders crowned with gold and clothed in white, four stunning creatures covered with eyes, and thousands upon thousands of angels and other beings. They all worship God, crying out without ceasing: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come." As they honor and thank God on His throne, they fall before Him, overcome with love

and awe. The elders place their crowns at His feet, for He alone is truly worthy to be crowned! He is the Creator of everything. He also planned redemption and accomplished it through Christ.

As John beholds this scene of heavenly praise, he sees in God's hand a scroll, which has been sealed. An angel cries out, "Who is worthy to open this scroll?" Awed by his vision of Almighty God in His glory, John realizes that no created being is worthy to unveil the secrets of God that are written upon the scroll. Overcome with sorrow, John weeps uncontrollably, but one of the elders steps forward and reassures him. There *is* One who is worthy!

Looking up, John sees a Lamb standing in the center of the throne room. He knows this Lamb is the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lamb shows the marks of having been slain, but He is standing,

having risen from the dead. Because He has prevailed over sin and death, Christ alone is able to break the seals on the scroll and reveal God's eternal plan of redemption.

As the exalted Lord Jesus Christ takes the scroll from the hand of God Almighty, the elders fall down before Him just as they fall before God the Father. Now, they sing a new song, praising the God-Man because He has completed God's great plan of redemption: "Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests."

All of Heaven joins in the elders' song of praise. Ten thousand times ten thousand and



thousands of thousands of voices heap honors on the Lamb of God: power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.

Words are inadequate to express His worthiness and Heaven's adoration.

So then, every created thing joins the chorus of praise, crying out God's glory, and Heaven affirms with its powerful "Amen!"

The Lion of Judah

Revelation 5 calls Jesus the "Lion of the tribe of Judah" and the "Root of David." These names speak of the Lord's descent from the Old Testament patriarch Judah. As the Lion of Judah, Christ is the powerful Lord of His tribe, who claims victory over Satan and sin. As the Root of David, He is the source of all kingly authority and human devotion to God.

UNDERSTANDING THE LESSON

Answer the questions.

5. What is every being in Heaven doing? _____

6. Why did John begin to weep?



7. Why is Jesus referred to as a Lion?

Circle the letter of the answer.

8. Which of the following best describes the atmosphere of worship in Heaven?

- A. All worship is performed quietly.
- B. The worship is full of beauty, light, and sound.
- C. Nothing can be described in earthly terms.
- D. The scene is frightening with strange beasts, thunder, and weeping.

Lesson 12

9. For what two reasons is God worthy of worship?
- A. He sits on the throne.
 - B. He created everything.
 - C. He planned and accomplished redemption.
 - D. He will continue to live forever.

Complete the sentences.

10. Jesus is worshiped as God but also for the great plan of _____. He has made available.
11. How did the four creatures around the throne describe God? _____

THE BIBLE FOR TODAY

- △ 12. Has your study of worship in Heaven affected your worship of God? Explain.

-  13. Look at Revelation 5:8 again. What worship activity on earth is mentioned that has significance in Heaven? _____

FOR MORE UNDERSTANDING

-  14. Read Revelation 22:8,9. What is one response we have to God that we should never have to man?
- _____

BIBLE MEMORY

Complete the verse.

15. "Thou art _____, O _____, to receive _____ and honour
and _____ : for _____ hast _____ all things,
_____ for _____ pleasure _____ are and were
_____." Revelation ____ : ____

REVIEW

Complete the sentence.

16. The messages to the churches show us that Jesus pays attention to _____
and _____.

Circle *T* if the statement is true or *F* if it is false.

17. **T** **F** When a church dies spiritually, each of its members is lost.
18. **T** **F** Jesus determines a person is faithful if his faith works.

Answer the questions.

19. What are three things that are true of a lukewarm person?

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

20. What is Jesus' message to those who have become lukewarm or walked away from God?

21. What promise did Jesus make as part of His message to each church?

Read – *Revelation 6:12-17; 20*

Write your initials in the blank after you have read this passage. _____

Answer the questions.

1. When the sixth seal is opened, what happens in the sky?

2. At the end of the world, whose wrath will the great men of this world try to escape?

3. What did the sea give up? _____

ANALYZE THE BIBLE READING

A principal theme of the Book of Revelation is God's final triumph—the removal of evil from His presence and from among His people. In the previous lesson, God gave Jesus a book in which are written future events. This book is sealed with seven seals and, as they are opened, end-time events unfold. When the sixth seal is opened, the great day of God's wrath arrives. Evil men then try to hide from God's wrath; they are terrorized by the coming of God's judgment upon the earth.

Revelation also speaks of Satan being bound for a thousand years and of Jesus reigning with His saints. Revelation pictures Satan leading one last grand rebellion against God and His people and then being cast into a lake of fire and brimstone. Students of the Bible disagree about the timing and sequence of the events in Revelation. They differ over which parts of these passages are

literal and which are symbolic.

However, there are some great central truths in Revelation that are not disputed by anyone who believes the Bible. First, God is in control of all events. No, He does not make evil men do evil, but He does decide when the events of His judgment will take place. He decides exactly what those end-time events will be.

Second, God is going to judge the world for its rebellion and evil. Non-Christian people feel as though they can do whatever they want; they can say whatever they wish to say and not get in trouble for it. However, God is observing people's actions and listening to their words. He will judge every man according to his works and words, whether good or bad.

Third, those who faithfully follow Jesus will share in His triumph and experience the joy of

the resurrection. When Jesus raises His saints to eternal life, they will reign with Him and serve Him. They will be with Him forever.

Fourth, Satan, evil people and the evil beast, and the false prophet will all be defeated. Those who have embraced Satan's influence cannot reign with Jesus. They will be judged by their actions, which will prove their lack of faith in and

obedience to Jesus. They will experience the judgments of the lake of fire, together with the devil and his evil servants.

In the end, unbelievers will be separated from God and feel His wrath forever. However, the servants of Jesus will inherit everything glorious and godly.

UNDERSTANDING THE LESSON

Answer the questions.

4. *Think!* Why are evil men terrified when the great day of God's wrath comes?

5. How can we know that evil will not triumph?

6. Name at least two things faithful saints can look forward to doing with Jesus.

Circle the letter of the answer.

7. Evil is abounding in our world today, but we can be sure ____ .
- A. sinners can overcome their bad habits if they try
 - B. everyone will give account for his words and works
 - C. evil will become less as people are better educated
 - D. evil used to be worse than it is now

Use information from the last paragraph to answer these questions.

8. What is the final state of the servants of Jesus?

9. What is the final state of unbelievers?

THE BIBLE FOR TODAY

10. Answer the questions about the four things important to believe about the last days.

A. Who is in control of all events? _____

B. For what will the world be judged? _____

Lesson 13

- C. Who will share in Jesus' triumph? _____
- D. What will happen to Satan and all evil? _____

FOR MORE UNDERSTANDING

Circle the letter of the answer.

-  11. Read Matthew 25:46. The separation of the righteous and the unrighteous is ____ .
- A. permanent
 - B. temporary
 - C. doubtful
 - D. only for judgment

BIBLE MEMORY

Complete the verse.

12. " _____ art worthy, _____ Lord, to _____ glory and
_____ and power: _____ thou _____ created all
_____, and for thy _____ they _____ and _____
created." _____ 4:11

REVIEW

Answer the questions.

13. Describe the worship in Heaven.

14. For what two reasons is God worthy of worship?
A. _____
B. _____
15. For what special reason is Jesus worshiped?

16. In Heaven, who is focused on worshiping God? _____

Circle T if the statement is true or F if it is false. Correct any false statements.

17. **T F** John wept because he thought the book with seven seals *was lost*.
18. **T F** Jesus is called a Lion because of His *lordship and victory*.