**Revelation 4-5: Jesus is worthy!**

**Main: The Lamb who died for sin is also the Lion who is worthy to judge it**

**Preliminary considerations**

* **In Revelation 1, Jesus is pictured as the Judge of His church.**
* **His rule and judgment of His church is carried out in Revelation 2-3.**
* **1 Peter 4:17-18 – It starts with us!**
* **Having dealt with His Church in this age, chapter four takes us to heaven.**
* **We are face-to-face with the Lord of creation who is about to judge His creation and restore Israel.**
* **The picture here is of sovereignty and control.**
* **The focus of Revelation changes suddenly and dramatically following chapter 3. In chapters 2-3, the concept of the church dominates the letter. After that, the language becomes heavily Jewish.**

**1. The awesome scene in Heaven: Revelation 4**

* **4:1 – Major shift from chapters 2-3**
* **“After this” = Following the Church Age**
* **4:2-11 – The rest of ch. 4 is consumed with worship of a God who is the Sovereign, Creator God, who is almighty, holy, eternal, and who alone is worthy of praise and who alone is able to righteously judge.**
	+ **God’s throne is mentioned before each series of judgments indicating His sovereign control ((4;1-5:14; 8:1-6; 15:1-8).**
	+ **The wrath of the Lamb (6:16-17) and/or of God become a focal point from here on out (11:16-19; 16:17-21).**
	+ **The colors mentioned indicate God’s purity in judgment (jasper), His anger (red), and His faithfulness (rainbow).**
	+ **4:5 – A storm is coming on the earth (Ex. 19:16-19; Heb. 12:18-21).**
	+ **4:6-7 – Lion = Kingly; Calf = beast of burden (servant); Man = Son of man; Eagle = His deity and supremacy**

**2. The worthy Overcomer: Revelation 5**

* **5:1-7 – The Lamb who has overcome is worthy to judge**
* **God the Father will not execute the judgments (Jn. 5:22).**
	+ **Lion of the tribe of Judah**
	+ **The Root of David**
	+ **“Kings and priests” … “shall reign on the earth”**

**3. A word about “praise” in the Bible**

**“The command to praise the Lord is just that: a command to praise Him. We do that by saying praiseworthy things about Him.” Dr. Robert Wilkin**

**A few examples of praise:**

***It is* good to give thanks to the Lord,**
**And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;**
**To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning,**
**And Your faithfulness every night (Ps. 92:1-2)**

**“And all the people, when they saw it [the healing of a blind man], gave praise to God” (**[**Luke 18:43**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%2018:43&version=NKJV&src=tools#_blank)**).**

**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!**

**“For who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has become His counselor?”
“Or who has first given to Him
And it shall be repaid to him?”**

**For of Him and through Him and to Him *are* all things, to whom *be* glory forever. Amen. (Romans 11:33-36)**

**Praising God is not a feeling, though it often results in feelings. Praising God is a conscious activity. We praise Him by thoughtfully extolling His person and His mighty deeds on our behalf.**

**Also: Ps. 117:1-2; 150:1-2; Eph. 1:3-6; 1 Pet. 1:3-5; Heb. 13:15; Rev. 11:17**