



REVELATION:
THE FINAL ANSWER

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The Final Answer - The King Is Coming (Part 5)

Revelation 5:1-14

This angel is not saying, “Who is worthy?” in a quiet voice. The angel is saying, “Who is worthy?” in a loud booming voice. This angel is saying, “Who is worthy to open the scroll?” He is shouting to get everyone’s attention.

Sometimes, God has to send someone with a loud voice to enter our lives, to get our attention. Have you ever noticed that we don't ever stop long enough to listen to God until something tragic, something life-changing gets our attention? God wants to get your attention. I pray that He has your attention today.

3. A Search

There is a scenario that God created with the question which needed to be answered but could not be answered. “Who is worthy?” Now there is a search. The entire universe had no answer to the angel's question because they knew that they weren't worthy. Isn't this passage curious? Jesus is at the center of the throne and yet they overlooked Him.

Many of us are there right now. You are moving very fast in your life, but you have overlooked Jesus. Isn't it odd that the Owner, the Maker, the Creator of this universe is often the most overlooked One of all?

We want to look at our friends, family members or our employers and say, “I am where I am because of you.” We do this rather than realizing we are where we are right now only by the grace of God. We want to look to our friends to solve our problems, or we look to our employer to solve our problems. We look to our family to fix us. But the truth is that only Jesus can fix us. We will never stop searching until we realize He is the one we’ve been looking for.

4. A Sad Saint

One of the biggest problems in cultural Christianity today is that there are no tears. We will clap, laugh, shout and whistle when we are engaged in music, or when something is said; but there is no emotional connection.

When was the last time your heart was broken? Maybe it's been a while because you are a casual observer. You see, tears are part of the walk with Christ. Unfortunately for many of us, we just want to be self-contained. We don't want to let someone in on what we are feeling.

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But this picture in Revelation is very clear; people who care are people who weep. We need tears. The church has been missing something today, and that is brokenness and tears. If you are not broken to the place of tears over our present society and brokenness, weep now! Do not be a casual observer. Do not take a step back and ignore what is happening with the moral condition and the spiraling down of our country and everywhere around this globe. If you are not broken over what is happening in our land, and there are no tears, weep now! There is no better time to engage, and we need to be broken here.

5. A Sacred Sermon

Most of us think that a sermon must have at least three points and a poem, or an illustration that grabs our hearts. Sometimes, a sermon only needs one point. With many of us, one point is about all we can handle in the first place. God might use you to preach a sacred sermon to someone who has gone through similar circumstances that you've endured yourself. If you sense God calling you share a word with someone, it's important to obey His call and follow His lead.

We learn this from the elder in Revelation chapter five; he did not want John to focus on him. He was just the messenger. And we don't ever want to focus on the messenger. That's a sign of spiritual immaturity. You need to be focused on the One whom the messenger is pointing to – Jesus Christ! If the messenger has done his job correctly, he will lead people to look in the right direction.

6. A Standing Savior

The next place John's focus and attention goes is to the Savior standing on the throne. Revelation 5:6 says, "Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth."

John sees the Lamb; He sees Jesus standing in the center of the throne. Do you understand what you are seeing here through John's description? You are seeing part of the concept of the Trinity; the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are one. You will never really know the Father unless you know the Son, because the Father and the Son are one.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Do you struggle with understanding how God can be a God of love and also a God of judgment at the same time? How does that truth impact your view of the will of God?
2. When was a time you were more aligned with your own desires than God's desires for you? How did that situation turn out?
3. What is one way you can begin delighting yourself in the Lord this week so that you can start aligning your heart and your desires with His?
