

REVELATION: THE FINAL ANSWER

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INTRODUCTION

We have been taking our time walking step-by-step through John chapter five, to see where John is focused. Today, we are going to talk specifically about how John is in the presence of the Father in the throne room of heaven and how he focused on a sacred sermon. Through this study of Scripture, we are going learn that we should never discount how God can use each of us personally to impact someone else's life. You might have a sacred sermon God wants you to share, so why not share it and see how God works? Our job is solely to be the messenger, delivering the good news of Jesus Christ. We can trust God to take care of everything else.

KEY POINTS

1. A Scroll

We learned last week that this scroll had seven seals, and that the scroll is a description of the will of God. It is the title deed for all of God's creation. This picture coincides with a Roman will in ancient days.

This image was important for the century in which this book was written, to help those people who were undergoing unbelievable pressure, problems, and persecution. They needed to know that God is in charge. This picture is also important for the people of today. Regardless of what might be happening all around us, God is in charge. You need to get that settled in your mind. Maybe you don't like what's happening, maybe you don't understand it, but you need to understand that He is in charge and His will is best.

2. A Strong Angel

John's focus now moves from the scroll to a mighty angel. It is really curious that this mighty angel has a loud voice. The Koine' Greek phrase for a mighty angel is the Greek phrase: "aggelon ischuron," which means strong and mighty angel. This is not a one of those smaller angels. This is a giant angel, an angel that stands over all. The Bible says he spoke in a loud voice. It is the Koine' Greek phrase, "phone megalei," which literally means loud voice. It is where we get the word "megaphone."

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.

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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. 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.

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.

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. NOTES

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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. NOTES

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- 1. Is there a word or a sermon God has placed on your heart that you feel called to share with others?
- 2. What is holding you back from sharing this word and encouraging those around you?
- 3. When was a time someone shared a word or a sermon with you and it was exactly what you needed in that moment?

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