

REVELATION: THE FINAL ANSWER

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INTRODUCTION **NOTES** One of the greatest gifts we can pull from the book of Revelation is the picture we get of heaven. I truly believe we would be so much better off if we wouldn't get so bogged down with everything that's happening in the present and instead fix our eyes on eternity. If we would get our focus right, and get aligned with heaven, the living here would be a lot easier. There will be more peace, confidence, and stability in your life when you are aligned with heaven. Regardless of what happens around you, you will not be shaken. And isn't that what we all want? So this week, we're going to continue looking at Revelation chapter 5 and see what we can learn about heaven from the Word of God. **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."

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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.	NOTES
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.	

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- 1. Do you sometimes forget that God is still in charge even when everything around you seems out of control? Why or why not?
- 2. When was a time God used a life-changing event to get your attention? What did you learn from that situation?

3.	3. Do you find yourself passing over Jesus and looking to other people to fix you, help you, fulfill you, or satisfy you? If so, why do you think that is?	

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