# **Revelation 5**A High View of God Drives Us to Mission

# 1. Local missions are totally necessary.

# 2. <u>Global Missions</u> are tragically neglected.

#### **Annual income of Evangelical Christians is \$6.72 trillion.**

- 1. Only 1.5% is "given" to any Christian causes.
- 2. 82% goes to Home Ministries of local churches.
- 3. 12% goes to evangelism in those same Christian nations.
- 4. Only 6% of this "1.5% gift" goes to Foreign Missions.

"Americans have recently spent more money on Halloween costumes for their pets than the amount given to reach the unreached" -Claude Hickman

## 3. Christians have the privilege and responsibility to lead the way in Global Missions.

## **4 Truths We See From This Text**

## 1. Our sovereign God holds the entire world in His right hand.

"And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals."

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

"We commonly represent him as a busy, eager, somewhat frustrated Father hurrying about, seeking help to carry out His benevolent plan to bring peace and salvation to the world" - A. W. Tozer

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And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

#### "Morality may keep you out of jail, but it takes the blood of Jesus Christ to keep you out of hell." – C. H. Spurgeon

"The hell of Hell, is that it is to be forever. The lost soul sees written over its head, 'You are damned forever!' It hears howlings that are to be perpetual. It sees flames which are unquenchable. It knows pains that are unmitigated." - C. H. Spurgeon

"The whole extent of hell—the present suffering, the bitter recollection of the past, the hopeless prospect of the future—will never be thoroughly known except by those who go there." – J. C. Ryle

#### <u>Romans 1:18-23</u>

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

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Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

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"And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof."

"And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth."

"And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne."

#### Philippians 2:8-11

"And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

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- 4. The grace of Jesus and His atoning work on the cross is for people from every corner of this world.

"And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

And they sung a new song, saying, 'Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for 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: and we shall reign on the earth.'"

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- 4. Be prepared to die willingly.

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