

Worthy is the Lamb!

Revelation 4 & 5

Big Idea: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty! We weren't created for our own glory—it's not our party. We're invited to worship the Lamb who was slain, made whole through His blood. He alone is worthy of all praise, honor, and power.

Main Points

1. God is Holy - He is complete, perfect, and set apart in all His characteristics
2. We Were Created for His Glory - Life is not about our purposes, but His
3. Jesus is Both Lion and Lamb - He has all authority and power, yet sacrificed Himself for us
4. Redemption is Global - People from every nation will worship around God's throne
5. We Are Called to Worship - Humble, authentic worship should characterize our lives now and forever

Scriptures:

- Isaiah 6
- Ezekiel 1
- Genesis 49
- Ephesians 1
- Philippians 2:11
- John 1:18
- Psalm 115:1

Opening Question:

Share about a time when you witnessed something so amazing or beautiful that it left you speechless or overwhelmed. What was that experience like?

Discussion Questions:

The sermon described God as "holy, holy, holy" - complete and untouched. How does this description challenge or expand your current understanding of God's holiness?

Read Isaiah 6:1-5. How does Isaiah's response to God's holiness compare to John's vision in Revelation 4-5? What does this teach us about approaching God?

The sermon emphasized that "it's not your party" - meaning life isn't about our glory but God's. Where do you most struggle with making life about yourself rather than God's purposes?

Revelation 4:11 says we were created "by His will" and for His purposes. How does this truth change the way you approach:

- Your career or daily work?
 - Your relationships?
 - Your struggles and challenges?
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Pastor Tim mentioned that focusing on our own glory brings death, but focusing on God's glory brings joy. Have you experienced this to be true? Share an example.

Why do you think God required the Israelites to bring the Passover lamb into their homes for four days before sacrificing it? How does this deepen your understanding of Jesus' sacrifice?

Jesus is described as both the "Lion of Judah" and the "Lamb who was slain." Why are both images important? How do they work together to give us a complete picture of Christ?

Read Revelation 5:9-10. What does it mean that Jesus "ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation"? How should this truth impact our view of missions and evangelism?

Paul Billheimer's quote explained that we don't receive God's glory, but we get to reflect it and experience it - like standing in the sun. How does this help you understand what it means to worship God?

Revelation 5:13 says that eventually "every creature" will acknowledge that Jesus is Lord. For those who know Christ, this is joy. For those who reject Him, it's tragedy. How does this motivate you to share the gospel?

Practical Applications:

1. Daily Worship Practice - Spend 5–10 minutes each day reading Revelation 4–5 aloud and responding in worship, regularly praying "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty," and keeping a "glory journal" to note when you seek your own glory and redirect it to God.
2. Surrender Assessment - List key areas of your life (career, relationships, finances, time, etc.), ask of each "Am I living this for my purposes or God's?", and choose one area to intentionally surrender to God's will this week.
3. Gospel Sharing - Pray for one person from a different cultural or ethnic background who needs Jesus, share with one person what Jesus has done for you this week, and research a missionary or ministry to unreached people to regularly pray for.
4. Worship Preparation - Before next Sunday, pray for God to prepare your heart, reflect on His worthiness and holiness, and plan to engage more fully in corporate worship by singing wholeheartedly and focusing on the words.

Closing Thought/Prayer:

Lord, give us a deeper vision of Your holiness and worthiness so that our whole lives—this week and beyond—would be true worship before Your throne.