

Worship the One Who Is Worthy

Scripture Reading — Revelation 5

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise! — Revelation 5:12

Bible scholars tells us that whenever a Roman emperor entered a city, the citizens shouted, “Worthy!” The apostle John, who had been exiled because he confessed Jesus as Lord, knew that only Jesus was worthy—not the emperor.

Today we are invited to see with spiritual eyes what John saw happening in heaven. We are summoned to join with the multitude of angels and other creatures in singing that the Lord is worthy.

God is worthy of all our praise and honor because he is the Creator and Savior. We owe every breath to the One who has made us, and we have new life, purchased by the blood of Christ, because he was slain for our sake.

Our Lord Jesus, the Lamb who was slain, is worthy to open the scroll of history (explained in Rev. 6-9). The One who died on the cross and rose from the dead, giving us new life in order to serve and rule with him, is the One who now reigns. All authority in heaven and on earth belongs to him, and his kingdom will never end.

Shall we lift up our voices and sing with all the creatures of our God and King? “To him . . . be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever! . . . Amen.”

Prayer

We worship you, Lord, our Creator, Sustainer, Savior, and King. We bow before you and join our voices in praise as we sing: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain.” To you be all glory and praise! Amen.

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