



- Revelation 5

# Praise?

- Most of us learn to praise God from the examples around us.
  - Parents. Church. Friends
- Praise is stilted, awkward, uncomfortable?
- Praise is memorized, ritual, compliant?
- We just don't do it.

# Praise?

- In the scriptures, praise is expressed in a great variety of ways:
  - Song, written, said, prayed
  - Revelation 5, for example

# Who Is Worthy?

- vs. 2: Who is worthy?
  - vs. 9: Worthy are you ... (song)
  - vs. 12: Worthy is the lamb ... (saying)
- Worthy ...
  - Many people struggle with God ... is God worthy of my worship.
  - “value, merit”
  - Often struggle rooted in our own standards of good and evil
- Who is worthy of our admiration and love?

# Who Is Worthy?

## The Lion of the Tribe of Judah



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  - Genesis 49:9-10 (ESV) 9 Judah is a lion's cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him? 10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.
  - Ruling: scepter
  - Authority: obedience of all people

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## The Root of David



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- 2 Samuel 7:16 (ESV) And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”
- Isaiah 11:1-5, 10
- Romans 15:12 (ESV) 12 And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to **rule** the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles **hope.**”

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## The Lamb



- 6: a lamb standing, as though it had been slain (death and resurrection)
  - 12: the lamb who was slain
- Lamb: Isaiah 53:7
  - John 1:29 (ESV) 29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who **takes away the sin of the world!**
  - 1 Peter 1:18-19 (ESV) 18 knowing that you were **ransomed** from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.



- Take time to think deeply about who Jesus is:
  - In very broad terms of the creation, salvation, love for mankind
  - In very specific personal terms of who he is to you.



## WORTHY ART THOU

*Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power,  
and riches, and wisdom and strength,  
and honor, and glory, and blessing.*

Revelation 5:12

# Why Is He Worthy?

- Why is He Worthy?
  - Not just who he is, but what he had done for us.
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- Slain to Ransom
- Colossians 1:18-23 (ESV) 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, **the firstborn from the dead**, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to **reconcile** to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, **making peace by the blood of his cross**. 21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now **reconciled in his body of flesh by his death**,



- in order to present you **holy** and **blameless** and **above reproach** before him, 23 if indeed you continue in the **faith**, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the **hope** of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.



- Conquers so we can Reign

- Revelation 5:5 (ESV) 5 And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”
- Revelation 5:10 (ESV) 10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”



- Hebrews 2:14-15 (ESV) 14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.



- 1 Corinthians 15:56-57 (ESV) 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Hebrews 12:28 (ESV) 28 Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe,



- Jesus is worthy of your praise.
- Consider What Jesus has done to save your soul
  - Sacrificed all to ransom and reconcile
  - Victory to bring us to kingdom



# JESUS IS LORD

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power...and glory, and blessing.*

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# Worship

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## Fall Down



- Humility
- Revelation 5:8 (ESV) 8 And when he had taken the scroll, the **four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb**, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.
- Revelation 5:14 (ESV) 14 And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the **elders fell down** and worshiped.

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- Philippians 2:8-11 (ESV) 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

# Praise Him

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Hebrews 13:15

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- Hebrews 13:15: Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.
- Continually
  - The natural response (not forced)
- Fruit of lips
  - Words ... expressing our thoughts, revealing our hearts, emotions
  - Words matter more than Melody.



- Sing a Song: v. 9
- Psalms 147:1-6 (ESV) 1 Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. 2 The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. 3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. 4 He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. 5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. 6 The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.

# Praise Him

## With a Loud Voice



- Saying with a Loud Voice: 12
- Psalms 33:1 Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.
- Sense of joyfulness that wants to share with everyone.
- Freedom to say with exuberance



- Every Creature ... saying: 13
- Alone but also in company: join together
- Psalms 148:11-14 (ESV) 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! 12 Young men and maidens together, old men and children! 13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. 14 He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!





- Open your mind, heart, emotions and mouth: Praise Him who is Worthy!

**We implore you on  
behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.**

**2 Corinthians 5:20**

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Revelation 5

Synopsis: The songs of Revelation 5 help us to remember that Jesus is worthy of our praise and worship because of who he is and what he has done. It is fitting for us to humble ourselves and praise him with our lips.

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**“Let all that you do be done with love.”**