

Who is Worthy?

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Revelation Chapter Five

Verse:

- 1. 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.*
- 2. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?*
- 3. And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.*
- 4. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.*
- 5. And one of the elders said unto me, Weep not, behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David has prevailed to open the book and to loose the seven seals thereof.*
- 6. 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.*
- 7. And he came and took the book out of the right hand of them that sat upon the throne.*
- 8. 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 odors, which are the prayers of saints.*
- 9. 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 the blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;*
- 10. And hast made us unto our God kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth.*
- 11. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;*
- 12. Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.*
- 13. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sits upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.*
- 14. And the four beasts said, Amen, And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that lives for ever and ever.*

This is a Spiritual book inspired by the Spirit of God for a Spiritual man to give us a Spiritual understanding of things that God has for us. Not in the future, but for right now. This is not something that is going to happen later on. If you read in Chapter 22 and verse 10 it says, *"This book is not to be sealed because the time is at hand (right now)."* It is not something to be afraid of. This is the "Revelation of Jesus Christ" in each one of us. If we understand it, we will no longer fear it, but we will embrace what God is doing in our lives. If you will embrace what God is doing in your life you would no longer have a fear of our Father. If we embrace what He is doing there is no fear in us. God is not out to hurt us. He is not trying to punish us. He wants us to love Him. He wants us to have the same love that Christ had for the world when He was here on this earth as a human being. He wants us to have the same love for humanity that He had. Jesus was not treated very nice was He? If you are in His same nature do you think you will be treated any better than Him? If your answer is no, and I'm sure it is. Quit murmuring and complaining when you get beat up. The truth of God will always offend. Jesus said, *"Offenses must come"*. The "must come" is necessary. If we are never offended do you know we will never realize that we have a problem? If someone doesn't step on my toes and offend me I will never know that I have a problem, and if I never realize that I have one, do you think I will ever change it? It is so simple the way that God has set this thing up. We take things in the natural that God sends to us and somebody comes by and kicks you in the shin real good and you get offended, and the very person that kicked you in the shin and got you offended, was the very person that is going to help you change (and that is what you really want to do), but you don't want that person around you because they offend you. Oxymoron huh? The thing that is best for us is what we want to get away from.

He said in verse one: *"And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne"* who is sitting on the throne? God the Father is sitting on the throne. *"In his right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and without"* literally it says, within and on the back side, but "within" (what does that tell you?) What is the book that he had in his hand? The book that is within is your heart. Proverbs 21:1 *"The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: he turns it whithersoever he will."* The covenant says this " I will make a new covenant with you". And God is speaking, and He will write it in your heart. So guess what is in God's hand? Your heart. It is written within and God did it, you didn't write it. Nothing that we do or no place we go in God is because of what we do, it is

because of what HE DID. Not just on the cross, but what He has done in our heart since then. He has written in our hearts. So this is something that you have to see. In the right hand of God, the one sitting on the throne, is a book, and that book is humanity, it is you. Written within, and that is the new covenant that God has written in our hearts. What do we have to do in the new covenant? Nothing. Who is responsible for the new covenant? HE IS. It is not what we do it is what God does. If He writes in your heart and He makes the covenant, if He places it in you and He chooses you as Sons and Daughters, He chooses to be your God and He chooses to forgive your sins and iniquities; THEN WHAT IN THE WORLD HAVE I GOT TO DO IN IT? All I can do is say AMEN, with God. That is all we have to do is say "amen" with God and He will take care of the rest of it. As long as we wrestle and fight with Him like Jacob did through ignorance, guess what? It is going to be a long night.

So back to the verse he says, its written within or on the backside or literally afterward, when it says written on the backside, that is not the true language, the language says "afterwards". So it is written within and afterwards it is sealed with seven seals. He wrote in your heart and then He sealed it. Doesn't that make sense? He is not saying here, like some may think, that He took this book and wrote on the outside of it and then on the inside of it. That is not what He is speaking of here. He wrote on our heart and He sealed it up. Deut.7: 1 says, "*There are seven nations greater and mightier than you*". What do you think that is? The seven spirits that you have to overcome. That's those seals He is speaking about. If you look in Ephes. 1:13 it says, "*You are sealed by the holy Spirit of promise*". Ephes. 4:30 says, "*You are sealed by the holy Spirit of promise until the day of redemption*". So these seals are spirits of God that He has placed within us to help us overcome. Each one of us has a personality. Some of us our shy and some of us are bold, some are in-between. There are all kinds of temperaments that God has placed within each one of us. The number seven is not a literal number seven; it is whatever God chooses for you. It is a spiritual number. So He could say seven and it could be two things or ten thousand things, it doesn't make any difference. It is just a number that God uses as His perfection. It is what He took to perfect you. So He puts those spirits in here for one reason. Just like I spoke prior it is to help us see our faults. They are our enemy, our opposition.

If I am playing sports and I play against small children. In the natural I'm saying I'm bigger and stronger, and they are smaller and weaker. Then in this I would overcome them wouldn't I? Now who really got the best test in

this contest? The smaller ones. Because it is going to make them better to have someone bigger and stronger pushing and fighting against them. They will get stronger and learn to draw from within for themselves. I wouldn't get anything out of it because it wouldn't even strain me. It is the same way with God when He puts things in your lives to pressure you. He puts the tribulation in your life which is the word (thelipsis), which means pressure. He puts it in your life and it changes you, because it makes you draw from within. I'm not talking about your humanistic thinking. I'm speaking about what is in the center of you, which is the Christ. If you draw from Christ within you and seek that power that He has placed within you, what do you think is going to happen to you? You will get stronger, but it will not be you. It is going to be stronger in HIM. That is what this opposition is all about. It is for our benefit. God didn't do this for His benefit. He did it that we might grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. It is not about being weak and having Him help us all the time. It is about us getting strong in Him. Not in our nature, but in His nature.

Vs 2 *"And I saw a strong angel"* Do you know who this strong angel might be? It is the Christ. Jesus said in Mat. 28.18, *"all power is given unto me"*. Then who would be stronger than Him? Does it make sense? It has to be Him. He has all power and all authority. Who is the strongest one? IT IS HIM. So this strong Christ, *"proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof"*. The word "thereof" is not the right word. It is a pronoun it is 'au-tos' in the Greek. It should read, *"Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals their selves."* Hello! Who is able to do it their self? Is anyone able to do it for his or her self? NOT WITHOUT HIM. Jesus said, *"You can do nothing without me"*. He says, *"Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?"* The word "loose" is literally to 'free or break'. So who can do this? Only the Christ. I suggest you look at Is. 29: 11 through 24. That passage is as alive today as this book of Revelation is. You see we have the ability in our self to think we can do this on our own. It is called our imagination. This imagination can tell us all kinds of things that we can do. It is not true, but we believe the imagination verses the reality of God. That is the hard thing for me to understand.

Vs 3. *"And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon."* Again the word "thereon" should be, "look at it their self". So he said there was no one in heaven, no one on earth, neither under the earth was able open the book and to look into it. What does God do to us? He doesn't weigh what we think does He?

He weighs the thoughts and intents of the heart. He is thinking about our hearts. What is our motivation for what we are doing? That is what it is about. There are people that do a lot of great things, good things, but is it God things? There is a lot of good that is not of God. There are a lot of people that do this. That is why Jesus said, *"In that day many will say, 'have we not prophesied in your name, cast out devils, healed the sick', and He will say, 'Depart you workers of iniquity'".* That tells me there are a lot of things people are doing in the name of God that is not Godly. They are doing it and saying that God said it, but it is not Godly. It is just a GOOD thing.

Vs 4 *"And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read"* literally the word read here is not read, it is in the "midst". There was no one to enter into the midst and know. No one has the ability to open your heart except the Christ. No one can get inside of you and know what is inside of you except God. The language actually says, "to know in the midst". So the only one that can know what is in the midst of you is the Christ or the God Himself. *"And he wept much"*, this is John saying he wept because he knew he was inadequate. This was a man who laid his head on the chest of Christ and heard the heartbeat of God. He walked with Him for three and one half years, he was boiled in oil and they couldn't kill him, threw him on the isle of Patmos, and God says, "now I can speak to you". God gives John this to write about. John saw and heard the heart of God more than any of the other apostles, and guess what? He wept when he saw that in himself he had no ability to help humanity. Even though he walked with the man. He had probably even been to the temple a few times wouldn't you think? He saw within himself he had no ability to help humanity. It had to come from the lamb. We have got to recognize in our self in what we do, we can do nothing without HIM. It has got to come from the strength of the lamb. Do you know what the strength of the lamb is? It is not opening his mouth when He is persecuted. When He was beaten and bruised, and nailed to a tree He never reviled those that reviled Him. There is the strength of the lamb. Not relying on His natural ability to stand up and fight them back, but submitting unto all things. Think about that one!!!

John wept much because of this, because there was no man worthy to look, or literally to discern this for themselves. Again who must we have before we can see anything? Christ. It is not about our intellect. You know we teach all of our children how to read and write, but that doesn't mean that they understand what God is saying. It is a spiritual thing. So he said, "there was no one that could discern". The word "look" in this verse is literally

discerned for their selves. They couldn't tell what was going on in their self. So we have to have some help don't we? Now we all think about this in a different way. I thought this myself for a long time. So I know a lot of other people think it, because I'm no different than anyone else. We think, okay, I need God to help me, and I stood and looked up in the sky and asked, "Okay Christ, where are you at? Where are you at Christ I'm waiting on you, I need help?" I was too pig headed to look at the Christ in someone sitting around me. This person has the gift of God in their life and I'm too prideful to reach over to them and say, "Hey I need help where you've got an expertise in something". All it is is pride. If we would just look and see the Christ in each one of us, because He is there. Isn't Christ in all? Then where are we going to get our help? From our brothers and sisters. God wants us to be able to depend on each other.

Vs 5 *"And one of the elders said unto me, Weep not behold the Lion of the tribe of Juda, (that is the tribe Jesus was from) the root (or offspring) of David (the beloved of God) has prevailed (literally he has overcome or he has subdued) to open the book and to loose the seven seals thereof."* What was the last thing Jesus said when He was on the cross? It is finished. Guess what? It is opened. He has the power. He has the authority to open your heart and to look right into it and deal with whatever it is. Do you know there are people around us that have the same thing? If we are not too prideful about it we can draw that power and authority that He has in them from each and everyone of us. If one will put a thousand to flight, two will put ten thousand to flight. How good it is when the brethren dwell together in unity. That is the problem. We are only in unity when we meet in a building. That is wrong. That is hypocritical. We are supposed to be together and be friends all the time. Not just coming into a building on Easter, Christmas, or on Sundays, Wednesdays or Thursdays. That is not what it is about. It is about being a family, and the church isn't what they are saying they are. They are not family. Family will stretch out and do for others without a hand out. They usually will say, "how much is it worth if I do it for you"? Family will just do because you need it. You do because He has given it to you to bless the rest of humanity.

A few weeks ago I was teaching in Romans chapter 16 about the woman Phoebe. She said she was in a place of preeminence, and Paul put her there for one reason. The reason being that she ministered to people out of her own reserve, what she had. Whatever she had she gave. Her life was giving not taking. Although many teach today that women are second-class citizens in churches and they can only do certain things, this is a woman that was

mentioned before her husband. She was set in authority over all the men and women both, and Paul said, " She even sits over my affairs." I think he might have claimed her for his Pastor. We have to know that it is about giving to the body. It is the giving to humanity. It is not about the "I" the "ego", but it is about the "we".

Vs 6 *"And I beheld, and lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts"*. It is the same as saying, "in the midst of the four beasts". *"And in the midst of the elders"*, (the same as the twenty-four elders in chapter four). *"Stood a lamb as it had been slain"*, the language says, "stood a lamb, crucified". Now we have got to get this picture out of our head. We have got to get this picture out of our head that says there were twenty four guys standing around and there was a lamb standing there that was all bloody. You have to get this picture out of your head. Now the four beasts and the twenty-four elders are literally one in the same. It is speaking about the government of God. It is His overcomers. Four is the "complete man". It is a complete Godman that He has created. The twenty-four elders is the government of God, who are the mature complete men and women of God. It is not talking about a man verses a woman. It is speaking of humanity. Now this is the lamb standing in the midst of these people. What is He speaking of here? He is speaking of the midst of their Spirit or their heart or minds. This is what is in my thought process. In my midst, in the very center of me, is my Spirit, and in that is where the lamb dwells. Because He is Spirit. So in my very midst (He is speaking about in their very midst also) the only thing they are concerned with in their life is Christ and doing what He wants. It is not about what I want to do. It is about what He wants to do. Then it goes on to say, *"having seven horns"*, seven represents God's perfection, and the horn speaks of authority and strength. So what do these people have? They have a lamb in the midst of them, and this lamb has perfect authority. Does this sound like that strong angel we spoke of earlier in the second verse? *"All power and authority is given unto me"*, didn't he say that? It's the same one. So guess who is standing in the midst of these four beasts and twenty-four elders? The Christ. The crucified and resurrected one. Then it says, *"and seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth."* Now this doesn't say, *"parts of the earth"*. It says, *"into all the earth"*. Well then who doesn't have this? God has sent His Spirit into **all**. Which part of the "all" don't you understand, the "a" or the "l"? But there are people that argue that it is not all. That word is all. It is the Greek word "pas" and it means "all". **A L L**

Vs 7 *"And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat*

on the throne". It is speaking of Spiritual things. You can't literally see that there is a person sitting here, an old man with a white beard sitting on a throne and this young guy thirty-three years old with a beard and scars all over him. This is speaking of Spiritual things inside of us, and it says that the one sitting there (the lamb). Now if it was a literal lamb how could he come up and take the book out of his hand? With his mouth? Come on. This is a Spiritual thing. It is Christ. It says, *he came and received; he took the book out of the right hand of him that sat on the throne*. He received of His Father did He not? He received from His Father what He had to do. Now what is the book again? Back in the first verse we said the book was humanity. Didn't Jesus take upon Him humanity and come here to earth? This is what he is speaking of. He is not talking about getting an actual book like one of these things we call bibles. God did not have a bible written for Him to carry around did He? He wasn't even speaking of a book. They didn't even make books at that time; there was scrolls that was rolled up. He was speaking of receiving humanity on Himself.

Vs 8 *"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 odors, which are the "prayers of" of the saints."* So when He had taken the book, or when He took upon Him humanity, these four beasts and twenty-four elders is the first fruit of God. I can't say it any other way. It is just the first fruit of God. The same ones that He created in the first three verses of Genesis. "In the beginning" literally the word is re`shiyth (ray-sheeth), or in the first fruits God created heaven and earth, the perfect Godman. So these are the ones that were created before the foundation of the world. So when they saw this all going on what did they do? They fell down and worshipped the one that was doing everything for them. You see this wasn't something that was happening in the first century when Jesus was actually crucified. If it had been during when the crucifixion was going on, did you see anyone running around worshipping Jesus and falling down? They ran and hid. So it couldn't have been going on in the first century. This is something that went on before the foundation of the world, and these people that were already chosen in Him, fell down and worshipped Him seeing the glory that He had done for them. This is not something that just happened. What does the book say? When was the lamb slain? Before the foundation of the world. You see it is something spiritual here. It was provided before the fall ever came. Before sin ever entered into man, the sacrifice was already paid. Why do you think Jesus wasn't panicked about anything? He already knew it was taken care of. He didn't

have to worry about it. In this verse eight it says, "*and he fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps*" What does the harp speak of? Praise and worship. These people had praise and worship because they knew what God had done. Many people today do not praise and worship God simply because they have not had a vision of what God has done for them. They are still relying on humanity, their own strength, and their own power. When you see a vision, like these people saw, this vision of the resurrected Christ who had been crucified for them, and it changed their whole life and Him giving His life for humanity. What else would you do but fall down and worship? The only reason why people do not do this today is because of their ignorance. I didn't say they were stupid. Ignorance just means that you don't have the knowledge or the information. There are many people in this world today that do not have the information that God loves them.

I preached a funeral a few years back of a man whom I dearly loved. I graduated high school with him. He was forty-four years old when he died. One day prior to his death we both got stranded on the Ohio River together during a terrible storm. During this storm I had two or three hours to share with him, and he started asking me questions. This man as I said was forty-four years old and lived here in this area and was a well-known businessman, He asked me this question? He said, "Does God love me"? That ought to make us feel ashamed that someone can live right around us and not know that God loves them. The second question he asked, "Do you think God will let me in heaven?" I would not tell the people at his funeral the answers that I gave him and I don't need to tell you either. I will tell you what I told them. "Get in the book and find out for yourselves". God will tell you what you want to know. I just said that he was on a journey. So he is okay he is in God's hands.

This eighth verse speaks also of "golden vials" or literally it is a golden bowl. A bowl is a man made vessel. What was this vial or vessel full of? Odors. Now this bowl was just a vessel and we are vessels aren't we? It was actually speaking of gold (or God covering over humanity). It was man made, but it was gold. Inside of it was incense, which is literally the prayers of the saints. Not prayers "of " the saints, but prayers "for" the saints. When God takes you to the maturity that you should be, what will you do? Do you think that you are going to sit around and pray for yourself? What do you think you will pray for? For the ones who do not have the understanding. For the ones who are beat up, hurting and dying in creation. Not for yourself because you know He has already taken care of you and you know it. Who

doesn't know that? When God is taking care of you, you will know it.

Vs 9 *"And they sung a new song, "* Have you wondered what that song might be? In Psalm 40 David cried out, He said, *"I waited patiently for the Lord and He inclined unto me and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of the horrible pit, out of the miry clay, (that is humanity) and set my feet upon a rock (which is Christ) and established my goings. (God did it David didn't have anything to do with it). He has put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God. Many shall see it and fear and shall trust in the Lord."* *"Many shall see it and fear"*. Do you know why many people are intimidated by praise and worship? They just don't understand what it is about yet. I pray that every one of us can have the experience of walking into the Holy of Holies, and I am not talking about a literal building, I am talking about walking into your inner Spirit where God dwells in your life. Once you taste that worship in the inner most sanctuary, in your Spirit, you won't have a problem with what people think of you anymore. That stuff will just pass away.

They sang a song saying, *"Thou are worthy to take the book, and to open the seals"*. What are the seals? That is to break those spirits off of our lives. It says that you are worthy to take the book and to open the seals yourself. These people that are worshipping Him are recognizing that only God has the power to open up humanity. So they are saying, "you, yourself, the same word "autos", you have that power and authority to do what you have to do. *"For you was slain, and has redeemed us to God by"* where it says "has redeemed us to God by" the word by is mistranslated. It is the Greek word "en" it means "in". So *He has redeemed us "in" His blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation:* So who has He redeemed? **ALL**. Does everyone have that knowledge yet? **NO**. Does that mean they are not? **NO**. Just because we don't understand it that does not nullify what God is doing. People think that because they don't understand that that will nullify what God is going to do. I don't believe that for one minute.

Vs 10 *"And has made us unto our God kings and priests, and we shall reign on the earth."* The word "us" really should be what? Look at verse nine. He said he took people every kindred, tongue and nation and He has redeemed them all. The ones He has redeemed He has made them to be kings and priests unto our God and they will do what? Reign on the earth. Now did He say up somewhere in the sky with your halo and wings? He said, *"You are going to reign on the earth."* It is not about flying away. It is about growing up (maturing). I used to quote this saying: "If you don't shut up, you'll

never grow up, and if you don't grow up you will probably blow up".

Vs 11 *"And I beheld and heard the voice and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands:"* Can you tell me what that number is? It is impossible, because it says, "thousands of thousands" and no one said a specific number. It is innumerable. That is all you can say. It is innumerable. The best you might figure would maybe be one hundred trillion, but you couldn't guarantee that it would be right. These many angels that he heard speaking, what was their speech on? It says they were round about the throne, and the throne represents God (and the elders, which is His people that are centered on Him and the beasts). So this people that are speaking, is centered on God's ruler ship. You see that throne is in their heart. Where is God's throne? In you. So when you let God ascend to that throne and take control of your life and you don't do it yourself, you see that is when you are centered on Him. Let God ascend to the throne and let Him do what He wants to do with it. Then you will be a messenger. If God is seated in your heart and He has your agreement with Him and you just say, "amen". If we can just say "amen" to whatever He wants, that is a major thing to come to that place, because our intellect wants to wrestle with God. If we just say "amen" to God whenever He speaks, I'm not talking about people speaking to you, not their humanity, but I'm talking about the Spirit of God speaking to you. When you hear Him what should you say? AMEN. Do you know what? Your life will be a more pleasant one. I guarantee you that it will be a whole lot more pleasant. No more wrestling.

Vs 12 *"Saying with a loud voice that was slain to receive (or literally to take to Himself) power and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing."*

Vs 13 *"And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them (or the places he spoke about) heard I saying, "Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto the one that sits upon the throne,"* What is this saying? Jesus created all things in Col. Chapter one verses fifteen through twenty-one. He says, "I created all things were created by me and for me and for my pleasure". We were created to worship God and to have a relationship with Him, and that is what is happening here. Paul spoke about it in I Cor. 15 *"when the Kingdom is come to its time, even Jesus the Son will turn and hand His Kingdom back to the Father that God may be all in all."* Because

he said everything in the earth, under the earth, in the heavens, wherever it's at, is going to say "glory and honor and power and blessings unto the Lord." That is all in all. *"And unto the Lamb forever and ever"*, the words forever and ever are actually the words "eis, aion aion". It means, into the age of ages, literally.

Vs 14 *"And the four beasts (that is the complete Godman) said, "Amen." And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped"*. This word "worshipped" it means like a dog licking your hand. There is a couple here in our fellowship and they have a dog named "Zoë", and if you come into their house and give her a real kick across the room and when you come back into the house she will just jump all over you and be right up with you licking your hand. God is saying, "no matter what happens in your life, what is your focus on?" Even a dog knows to love his/her master. We don't know who are master is. We keep thinking its (Our) thought process. That is not my master. My master is the Lord, and I will worship Him regardless of what humanity, His humanity does to me. It has no bearing. I will still love Him and worship Him, like a dog licking his master's hand. Do you think that dog has any strings attached to loving you? Does it say if you love me I'll like you back? All God is saying is UNCONDITIONAL LOVE. AGAPE LOVE. THAT IS WHAT IT IS ABOUT. JUST LOVE, BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US. *"And they worshipped Him that lives (or is alive) for ever and ever (or into the age of ages)*. What did they worship? The life. They saw life in Him. The only way anyone is going to worship and change their life from religion in the things that they do (in religion the external, idolatrous ways they worship God) is to see that life in you. You are God's ambassadors on this earth, and if we don't portray the life of Christ in us, that life, not idle words, that we come to church and we look pretty and we fluff and we buff and then we go out and we slap our wife on the way out the door and spit on the kids and kick the dog as soon as we get in the house. That is not what it is about. We have a little one here this morning that just loves her daddy just because he is. You see she loves him just because he is. That is what God wants us to do. Even if Mom or Dad has to correct her, she will climb right back up on dad's lap because she knows in her Spirit (this is not in her intellect) that there is love there, even in the correction. That is love. No strings attached. She hasn't learned fear and rejection, because those are things that are learned. If we will get back to our Spirit, do you know what? WE can get away from that stuff too. That is what God wants us to do. This book is not about some futuristic thing. It is about reality in your life today. If you can come to that you will understand

this book. It is about loving God and Him loving you. It is not about monsters running around doing all kinds of horrible things. It is all in symbolic language and the first verse of this book tells us that. He sent and signified it, signified means semaino (say-mah`-ee-no) in the Greek and it means signs and symbols. If we understand the language of the Kingdom then we will understand what God is saying to us by the Spirit.

May the Spirit of wisdom, knowledge, understanding, and revelation from God permeate your mind and bring you to the revelation of Christ in us our Glory!!!!

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