

“HE IS WORTHY”

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TEXT: REVELATION 5:11-14

GOD’S WORD: PSALM 30

I – WHY:

Why are you here? Why did you walk through the doors today? Was it to witness the baptism of a baby? Maybe because you are related to that little one. Was it because you knew it was the first Sunday of the month and we always have communion the first Sunday? Maybe because the choir was back singing, I noticed a number of you who were not here last Sunday since you didn’t sing. Maybe you remembered it was my turn to preach and you wanted to see what would come out of my mouth this week. Maybe you think it’s some kind of duty to go to church or that you are building up some kind of heavenly brownie points with God if you come see him one hour a week.

There could be other incentive. Maybe you or someone you know is sick. You know that they need to be prayed for. You don’t want your personal stuff mentioned but you have been hurt this week, had a dilemma this week, have a problem or are faced with chaos and turmoil in your life and you know the only hope you have is to see God and his healing, storm calming, loving power. So you came here to seek God’s face.

I would tell you that all of these things and more are good reason to come to church. But there is one more important than all the others. You should be here to worship the almighty God and Savior. You can lay any of these above mentioned things at his feet and he will handle them and help you through them. He has already proven what an awesome God he is and he is worthy to be praised and worshipped. We some times lose sight of the fact that worship is about God...not about us.

II – PSALM 30:

And we worship him because he has and continues to lead us and help us through life if we are listening and following him.

The Psalm you heard read this morning is a wonderful statement concerning this. It is filled with an ebb and flow of the life of faith. It tells us the writer Exalts God and then lists why:

- I have enemies but You rescued me

- OI have problems I cry to you about but You restored my health
- I deserve death but You gave me life from the grave

We should sing to the Lord because:

- He gets angry but His favor lasts a lifetime
- Life causes me to cry myself to sleep but God brings me joy in the morning
- You are able to turn my mourning/my grief into joyful dancing

You see the ebb and flow. Trouble comes and God takes care of it. So much so that we should sing his praises and give thanks to him forever. Folks – that means we are to worship God all the time, for all time!

III – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!:

There is a song our praise team sings titled “I can only imagine.” The song concerns what we’ll do when we get to heaven. The lyrics ask the questions:

Surrounded by Your glory
 What will my heart feel?
 Will I dance for you Jesus?
 Or in awe of You be still?
 Will I stand in Your presence?
 Or to my knees will I fall?
 Will I sing Hallelujah?
 Will I be able to speak at all?
 I can only imagine

But I think it’s the next lines that give me a more accurate picture of what I’m going to do.

I can only imagine when that day comes
 And I find myself standing in the Son
 I can only imagine when all I would do
 Is forever, forever worship You
 I can only imagine

The Group “Mercy Me” wrote that song in 2005. But I get a more accurate picture of what we’ll be doing by a hymn written in 1826. I want us to sing it now. Stay seated and sing with me the Hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” on page 64 in your hymnal.

64 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and
evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, through the eye of sinful man thy glory
may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and
purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky
and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Folks we are going to worship in heaven! We are going to be so overcome by what God has
done for us in life we will do it naturally.

IV – TEXT:

Just look at the scene we are given by the Apostle John in his book of Revelation...

Revelation 5:11-14 (NLT)

¹¹ Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around
the throne and of the living beings and the elders. ¹² And they sang in a mighty chorus:

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered—
to receive power and riches
and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and blessing.”

¹³ And then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the
sea. They sang:

“Blessing and honor and glory and power
belong to the one sitting on the throne
and to the Lamb forever and ever.”

¹⁴ And the four living beings said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped the Lamb.

The imagery given is of countless angels singing to show the infinite power of the one seated on the throne (God) and of the Lamb (Jesus). They use a 7 fold shout about his power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing. The picture is of the Father and Son being blended together into one and lets us know there will be no divisions of who will worship them. “Every Creature” in heaven and on earth, in hades under the earth, and in the sea which represents chaos.

There is inclusivity here. There is no mention of judgment. No separating the wheat from the chaff, no good from bad, no goats and sheep. When it’s all over there will be only worship of God and of the Lamb who delivered us from the grave and from sin.

There is no worship of manmade idols. No worship of possessions, time, power, or anything else. There is only majestic, orderly worship focused on the true center of the universe. On God and on the Lamb. No one and nothing else.

That’s why you come to this place on Sunday’s and other special days. To worship God and the Lamb his Son.

This whole service has been about that worship, the sacraments of baptism and Communion, the music, the Bible readings, the prayers. Are all to exalt and worship God and his Son. And I don’t need to pontificate why...because:

God created us

God loves us

God sent Jesus to show it and

Jesus lived for us

Jesus died for us

Jesus was resurrected for us

Jesus is coming back for us.

They are worthy of your worship today and forever.

AMEN