

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Adult Sunday School Lesson

5.19.2024

Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Below please find my sharable thoughts, so please allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word to share.

The Lamb Worthy of Worship

## Revelation 5: 6 – 14

In this world in which we live, there are many who claim to worship God, and they do so through various actions and religious movements, but because they know little about the one whom they are worshipping, their worship is not with spiritual sincerity, but it is with enticing and persuasive demonstrations that are based upon the wisdom of man. In order, to fully appreciate what it means to worship the Lord, then we must worship him in spirit and in truth.

**John 4: 23 – 24**,....the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship him....God is a spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth....

This means that worshipping God has nothing to do with time or place, nor does it have anything to do with our gender or our race, but the primary concern is that the unification of our worship reflects the closeness of our relationship with God. True worship is not to show an outward expression or some kind of physical observance, but it is an outward work that acknowledges the supreme authority and sovereignty of God.

So, what does it mean to worship God in spirit and in truth? As believers, who are born again of the spirit, God reveals his truth unto us through his word, for Gods word is truth.

**Psalm 119: 160,....**thy word is true from the beginning, and everyone of thy righteous judgements endureth for ever....

**Ephesians 1: 13,....**in whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise....

True worshippers seek to grow in the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of God's word, and our willing to live by it. We must pursue holiness by obeying Gods truth, which, he makes known unto us through his word, and not by our own self-righteous education.

**1 Corinthians 14: 26,....**how is it then, brethren? When ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying....let all things be done decently and in order....

As believers, we worship God through our salvation, not in the realm of the flesh, but in the spirit, for it is the spirit of God that lives within us, and we belong to Christ Jesus. Instead of restricting our worship to certain church services and religious activities, we are to hold fast to the accountability of our recognition of the glory of God in every aspect of our life. As we worship in spirit and in truth, through our relationship with God, by the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are transformed into the image and likeness of his Son, Christ.

**Revelation 5: 6 – 10,....**I beheld....in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders stood a lamb....and he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne....when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the lamb....and they sung a new song....thou art worthy to take the book....for thou....hast redeemed us to God....and hast made us unto our God, kings and priest, and we shall reign on the earth....

Christ died upon the cross so that we might live with him eternally in heaven. Therefore, Christ is God eternal, and he is also the perfection of man. He is the only entity of the God head, who was the only member of the human race as well, and he has the strength, the wisdom, the power, the knowledge, the authority, and the sinless perfection, the one who can execute judgement upon the sinfulness of this world, and at the same time redeem those who will come to believe upon his name.

Christ, who took upon himself the sins of the world, was slain, but he is not dead, he is alive, standing victorious in the midst of the throne of God, exercising the full power of the spirit of God. This reference of Christ, which portrays a conquering savior, in spite of his suffering, is an example to the body of believers, which is the church, so that the body of Christ might be encouraged to overcome the sufferings and persecutions, that which is encountered while living in this sinful and wicked world, so that we might be able to endure that which is set before us.

**Hebrews 12: 1,....**wherefore seeing we....are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us....

Christ, who is the ultimate example to the believer, an example of how that we ought to live our lives by resisting the temptations in which we face, with the understanding that suffering is a part of Gods plan, so that we may all work together for good to those who love the Lord, for his glory, for he alone is worthy of our worship.

**Hebrews 12: 2,....**looking unto Jesus....who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God....

Even though Christ suffered hardship and persecution he never waived in his decisions to do the will of the Father. Through obedience, he established the purpose which all believers are striving for, and the end of that purpose will be the ultimate victory, and reward which is the hope of our eternal life in God. Christ is the lamb who is worthy of our worship, for he is the one who made for us a way into Gods eternal holiness, so that all who will accept his saving grace, can follow after his example, and live in the presence of God.

**Revelation 5: 11 – 14,....**and I beheld, and I heard the voice of many....round about the throne....saying with a loud voice, worthy is the lamb that was slain....and every creature....heard I saying, blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the lamb for ever and ever....the four beasts said amen....the four and twenty elders....worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever....

True worship is all about the Lord himself and is never about our own self-righteousness. Worshipping God is a confession of the heart in which we signify him as the holy and divine creator of all things, Lord over all things, the sovereign God of all the universe who is omnipotent, omniscience, and omni-present, which means that the way to Gods kingdom goes through the cross. What John saw, we as believers who are living upon this earth, by our salvation, we have the ability not only to see, but also to experience worshipping him within our hearts and lives daily, and in the times to come. We will experience this ability forever throughout eternity with him, and Christ one day will finish that which he started on the cross, for it was his sacrifice that gave unto him the right to open the book and set in motion the final part of Gods eternal plan of redemption for all of mankind.

**Revelation 1: 18,....**I am he that liveth, and was dead, and, behold, I am alive for ever more, Amen....

Christ died, but death could not hold him, and it is the truth of his resurrection that makes the believer unique. Therefore, the believer need not fear, for worldly fear only brings about emotional distress, but we can overcome this emotional distress as we learn to worship the lamb who is worthy, as we learn to worship him in spirit and in truth.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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