

WORTHY IS

THE LAMB!

-LESSON # 1

I. Opening statements

“Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation”- Revelation 5:9.

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing”-Revelation 5:12.

A. Slain (sphazo), to slaughter, slay, as in animals for sacrifice; of Christ as the Lamb of sacrifice.

B. Redeemed (agorazo), to buy, to acquire to one's self by a price duly and freely paid.

“But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot”-I Peter 1:19.

“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood”-Acts 20:28.

“Of how much sorer punishment suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanctified an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace”-Hebrews 10:29.

When God’s people cease assembling with the saints, they have counted Christ’s blood as “unholy!”

II. Things of which Christ is worthy

A. Christ is worthy of our love

“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind”-Matthew 22:37.

“Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee”-John 21:17.

“Keep on feeding My lambs”-v. 15

“Keep on shepherding My sheep”-v. 16

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LOVE IS DEMONSTRATED BY WHAT WE DO!

If I understand what the Lord said to Peter, He said, “Don’t get of course by fishing and neglect the work that I’ve given you of caring for My sheep. Don’t love fishing more than caring for My lambs and sheep! Keep on feeding and shepherding My lambs and sheep!”

“Keep on demonstrating your love to me by caring for My flock!”

Question: Are Christians today giving more attention to their hobbies than caring for God’s sheepfold?

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B. The Lord is worthy of our obedience!

“If you love me, keep my commandments”-John 14:15.

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man”-Ecclesiastes 12:13.

“Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king”-I Samuel 15:22 & 23.

“And hereby do we know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him”

-I John 2:3 & 4.

Some of the strongest statements in all of God’s word come from the apostle John who was known as, “The disciple whom Jesus loved!”

LOVE DOES NOT PRECLUDE FRANKNESS OF SPEECH!!

Brethren, we are living in a day and time when preachers and teachers who speak of obedience are called “Pharisees!”

NEITHER GOD, NOR HIS PROPHETS, NOR HIS APOSTLES WERE “PHARISEES!”

TO REJECT SCRIPTURES EMPHASING OBEDIENCE IS TO REJECT GOD HIMSELF!

“He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me”

-Matthew 10:40.

“He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me”-Luke 10:16.

C. The Lord is worthy of our daily following of him!

“And he said unto them all, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me”-Luke 9:23.

“Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses”-Matthew 6:11-15.

“And they continued stedfastly in the apostle’s doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers”-Acts 2:47.

*“And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart”
-Acts 2:46.*

“And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ”-Acts 5:42.

**The Jerusalem church had “daily ministration”
-Acts 6:1.**

*“These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so”
-Acts 17:11.*

“Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort (parakaleite) one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin”-Hebrews 3:12 & 13.

“Parakaleite” is a kind word! Christians are to speak kind words of encouragement; not “chew one another out!”

Let me encourage all of us in this congregation not to let a day pass without giving words of encouragement to other brothers and sisters in the congregation!!

CHRIST IS WORTHY OF OUR DAILY SERVICE TO HIM!

D. Christ is worthy of proper use of our time!

“See then that ye walk circumspectly (diligently accurately, or carefully), not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is”-Ephesians 5:15-17.

The word redeem has within it the idea of a shopper grabbing something up while its still available!

In the context, the thought is to hasten, to use the time God has given us so that the time has been used advantageously for the Lord! Don't use it as it is used by the world!

As Christians, we are to be good stewards of the time that God has given to us!

We should “grab it up for good use; not evil use!”

GOD KNOWS WHAT WE'RE DOING WITH OUR TIME!

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III. Close

A. Christ is worthy for his followers to give a lifetime of service!

B. He is worthy of lost sheep returning to the fold!

C. Christ is worthy of one becoming a Christian!