

Revelation Lesson 75
The Angels' Seven-Fold Doxology

Revelation 5:12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Praise the Lord for our Revival services last night! As tonight is Wednesday, it is our normal Church services and I pray we will see more folks come on out. Boy, I am looking forward to what the Lord is going to do tonight! Last night, we noted the number of angels there are and how that ties into knowing when the Rapture will occur! This evening we are going to examine the Angels' song.

Saying with a loud voice, - Some say this is not a song at all but it sure seems like one to me. Of course, the late Evangelist Oliver B. Greene makes perfect sense when he wrote: "The angel s'say" but we, the redeemed, SING! However...the elders, the living creatures, the host of angels [say] with a loud voice praises and honour to the Lamb..."

This is also the 2nd of 12 occurrences of the phrase: "loud voice" in the Book of Revelation. Not all the "loud voices" belong to the angels. But this is one of the times it does. Again from last night's lesson, the "voice" is of many angels. While some say it ought to be rendered as voices, I contend that this is correct. The angels' voices blended into one harmonious voice in Heaven. I think it is interesting how the "voice of many angels" has been "turned up" so to speak into "a loud voice!" Indeed I remember our late Brother Rex Dale from Danielstown, how he used to say before he died: "This is the quietest world we're gonna live in!" Looking at these 12 "loud voices" in Revelation, I think Brother Rex was onto something.

Now what the angels begin to say or sing is likened by Brother D. A. Waite to a 7-fold Doxology (or Hymn of praise) which we will examine in detail as we make our way through it. Note how they begin, they begin by addressing the One to Whom they sing.

Worthy is the Lamb – Allow me to add a personal note here folks (no extra charge!). When I see singers or groups, sometimes I wonder who they're singing to. Is it to God or the crowd? Some folks like Brother David, I don't worry about as I see his heart is humble, meek and in the right place. But sometimes you get the feeling when watching some Gospel or Christian singers that they might be all for the "show" and sing to the audience. May we always be careful when we sing or do anything as Colossians 3:23 states: "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;" HE then is the audience when we sing; we are singing praise to HIM in our HYMNS. - and that is exactly what these angels are doing, they are singing their praise to Christ, Whom they are addressing as THE LAMB – His Redemptive Title. See the angels can only learn and wonder about that, they've never experienced Salvation. They were involved in His ministry while He was here upon the Earth AS the Lamb and they assist us – no doubt – in our functions of sharing the Lamb's "Meat" with those around us.

that was slain to receive – Again, we note the Angels – those innumerable angels – around the Throne of God, they are emphasizing (by the words: that was slain) the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. We note THAT WAS – refers to whatever is being described is PAST TENSE. Slain – refers to Christ's Death and then putting it together we find that His death is past and that He is ALIVE! AMEN! Now because of Christ's death, burial and resurrection (as we see stated here), the angels declare that He is Worthy to receive some things.

I also want to share a good point Dr. Tim LaHaye makes in *Revelation Unveiled* he says: "In a day when humanistic people are unwilling to acknowledge Jesus Christ as more than a "good man" or a model example, we should note carefully what the angels of Heaven, who know Him best, say of Him. They proclaim Him worthy to receive 7 things..." So then the angelic choir (seemingly acting as a "chorus" or "refrain" to the Elder's new song) says that Christ is worthy to receive the following:

power, - The first thing we and Bro. Waite note is: “The first thing the Lord Jesus Christ is worthy to receive is power.” From the verses below we find that, “the Lord Jesus Christ is a powerful ruler. He will be King of kings and Lord of lords. All the hosts of Heaven, the thousands and millions of angels, the genuine believers, and the cherubim will say: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power!”

- Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
- Mark 13:26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.
 - Those aren't rain clouds yall! Those are the clouds of Glory – called the Shekinah Glory of God!
- 1 Corinthians 1:24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.
- John 10:17-18 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. 18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.
 - This shows us “how” Christ died – He ordered it.
- 1 Timothy 6:14-15 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: 15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and **only Potentate**, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;
 - Potentate comes from the Latin for Powerful Ruler, one who (usually) weilds supreme power in a nation. Many times Potentate is used as a synonym for Dictator. So we see in 1 Tim. 6:15 that there is only One Potentate or all powerful ruler and that is Christ, men THINK that they have power – look back at John 19:10-11 Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? 11 Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.”

and riches, - This is the one thing most today are focused on when they remotely think about God, trying to turn Him into a genie. Trying to milk God for the “riches” they lust for. Instead of focusing upon “getting rich” we ought to focus on the One Who is said to be worthy to be rich. This “is the second thing the Lord Jesus Christ is worthy to receive [and that] is riches.”

- Romans 11:33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!
- 2 Corinthians 8:9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.
- Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;
 - Here the Apostle Paul informs us that “forgiveness of sins” is part of Christ's Riches.
- Ephesians 1:18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,
 - According to this we have a share in those riches in glory – as an inheritance – hence it is not by what WE have done. Now we CAN lay up Spiritual Treasures in Heaven per Matthew 6:19-21 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Also we note that there is the Judgment seat of Christ where our works will be judged and produce either wood, hay, stubble, gold, silver or precious stones. Also we will be given crowns. But as we have previously noted, the One worthy – He will always and forever wear His crown for He alone is worthy. We will cast ours at His feet for He is worthy.

Hence we understand that Christ Alone is worthy to receive riches and thankfully He shows us how to act – He gives to us – portions of His riches for He is worthy. When we get that meekness in our heads we can be like the Apostle Paul was in our next point:

- Ephesians 3:8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;
- Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
 - This next verse and final point is hard for us to live by, but it is a part of our living by Faith, not being lazy, but working with what we can and trusting the Lord's promise! So we understand that "The Lord Jesus Christ has gone to Heaven, but He is still giving riches to those that are genuinely trusting Him. He will not necessarily make us wealthy beyond all means, but He will provide for us. He will take care of us and meet our needs. So the next time some "Prosperity Gospel preacher" pops up tell them that Jesus was the most Righteous, Sinless, Perfect Person EVER to walk this Earth and He was homeless (see Matthew 8:20) so if wealth or an Earthly mansion points to God's approval then there's a problem no doubt with Jesus!

and wisdom, - "The third thing that the Lord Jesus Christ is worthy to receive is wisdom."

- Romans 11:33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!
- 1 Corinthians 1:24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.
- James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.
- 1 Corinthians 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:
- 1 Corinthians 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.
 - That shows that the world did not receive the wisdom of the Lord Jesus Christ. Have you ever noticed the "backwardness" of what those False Christs/Gurus say when they "stated" what they call the Golden Rule? (No that ain't your Dad's version either, you remember the one that went like: He Who Hath The Gold Maketh The Rules!)
 - In Christianity, the Golden Rule is expressed by Jesus in these words in Matthew 7:12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

It is important to note the difference between what Jesus said, and what most Christians today practice as "the Golden Rule." Jesus' rule is *not* "don't do things to others that you would not want done to you." Jesus' rule is a *positive* rule, even a *pro-active* rule: If you would like something done for you, you should be doing it for others; and this is true in "all things" or in "everything."

- In Judaism, we find the Golden Rule expressed in these words: "What is hateful to you, do not to your fellow man. That is the entire Law; all the rest is commentary" (Talmud, Shabbat 31a).

Compared to the Christian version of the Golden Rule, this version is deficient in at least two ways. First, it is not telling us to do good to others; it is telling us not to do bad to others. This excuses us from the requirement to proactively do good. Second, unlike Jesus' statement, it devalues the inspiration of the Jewish scriptures. Jesus does not devalue any of the Word of God as being merely commentary.

- Brahmanism is a form of Hinduism, so perhaps this version of the Golden Rule applies to all forms of Hinduism, or perhaps not. The version of the Golden Rule in Brahmanism is, "This is the sum of duty: Do naught unto others which would cause you

pain if done to you" (Mahabharata 5:5157).

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- In Buddhism, the Golden Rule is expressed this way: "Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful" (Udana-Varga 5:18). Again, this version of the Golden Rule is not telling us to do good to others, but only not to hurt others.
- In Islam, the Golden Rule is expressed as, "No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother that which he desires for himself" (Sunnah).

This version of the Golden Rule is closer to that found in Christianity, but it is still deficient by comparison.

First, it doesn't actually prevent doing bad to another, because it lacks that important qualifier in Christianity, "in all things."

Second, it doesn't require doing anything at all for others; it is only to "desire" that things work out nicely for others. Desiring good for others is easy, but taking action in doing good for others is hard.

Third, it is a judgmental statement. Jesus doesn't say that people aren't believers if they fail to practice the Golden Rule. A failure to practice the Golden Rule indicates a weakness and a failure to live up to one's faith, but it doesn't mean the person is not a believer. If a professing Christian becomes aware of these transgressions and does not repent, however, it is a strong sign that the person is not really a believer. As Jesus said in Matthew 7:16, shortly after stating the Golden Rule, "Ye shall know them by their fruits."

Fourth and finally, the phrase "brother" could be interpreted to apply only to people of the same faith, that is, fellow Muslims. Jesus places no such limitations on His statement; it applies to other people of any faith.

- The Golden Rule in Confucianism is expressed as, "Surely it is the maxim of loving-kindness: Do not unto others what you would not have them do unto you" (Analects 15:23).

Like the Golden Rule in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Judaism, this rule does not encourage doing good for others, just not doing bad to them.

- The Golden Rule in Taoism is expressed as, "Regard your neighbor's gain as your own gain and your neighbor's loss as your own loss" (T'ai Shang Kan Ying P'ien).

Like Islam, this version does not require doing good to others, although it does encourage not doing bad to others. It is a completely passive rule that speaks more to not being jealous or overly competitive than how you should actually treat your neighbor.

- In Zoroastrianism, the Golden Rule is expressed as, "That nature alone is good which refrains from doing unto another whatsoever is not good for itself" (Dadistan-i-dinik 94:5).

Like Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism and Confucianism, Zoroastrianism does not encourage doing good for others, it only encourages not doing bad to others.

- The Baha'i version of the golden rule is, "Lay not on any soul a load that you would not wish to be laid upon you, and desire not for anyone the things you would not desire for yourself."

Like Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Confucianism and Zoroastrianism, this does not encourage doing good for others, only not doing bad to others.

- The difference between these various versions of the Golden Rule can be summed up very simply: the non-Christian versions of the rule are merely human-sided and selfish, but the version of the Golden Rule given by Jesus Christ is divine, and therefore perfect and is thus true wisdom.

and strength, - “The fourth thing that the Lord Jesus Christ is worthy to receive is strength.”

- Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
- Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.
 - Both of these texts properly show us beloved that Christ is our True Strength. Last Wednesday evening I preached on “Gimme The Real Deal” in which I used Artificial Sweeteners (like Sweet’N Low and Equal) as object lessons. In that Sermon I reminded us that calories is what gives us energy and that in turn gives our bodies strength. So here we find another ready application here in that Jesus is our strength in 2 ways: 1.) He strengthens us as we go through life as our Living Word. 2.) As our Written Word – it is our Milk and Meat – our Spiritual food, and hence as Physical food gives the body strength so too does the Word of God give our Soul and Spirit strength.
- 2 Timothy 2:1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
 - Waite says: “We need spiritual strength to stand against the world, the flesh and the devil. IF they laugh at you, ask the Lord for strength to be a good witness and to have a good testimony.”

and honour, - The fifth thing the Lord Jesus Christ is worthy to receive is honour.

- Matthew 13:57 And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.
- 1 Timothy 6:14-16 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: 15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; 16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.
- Hebrews 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.
 - Thus here we see that partly due to His death (The Innocent One) for the wicked, He has been granted the proper Honour due Him.

and glory, - The sixth thing that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb, is worthy to receive is glory. Furthermore He is described as the King of Glory (and that will truly be seen when He returns!).

- Matthew 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.
- Mark 13:26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.
- Luke 9:26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.
 - Notice that – we are NOT to be ashamed of Christ OR of His Words (the Bible). I AM NOT ASHAMED OF MY JESUS AND I AIN'T ASHAMED OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE!
 - Real quick! Remember that GOD PROMISED TO PRESERVE HIS WORD IN Psalms 12:6-7 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.”

- Also, look at what Jesus said in Matthew 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.
 - How can we live by “every word” if it hasn't been preserved? How can the “Word of God” be preserved except by God Himself. You get a KJB and Compare it to a Not Inspired Version I mean the New International Version (NIV) or the ESV and you find over and over and over that they have disobeyed Deuteronomy 12:32; Proverbs 30:6 and Revelation 22:18-19.
 - So seeing then that I ought not be ashamed of Him OR His Word I find the next verse very meaningful:
- John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
 - Recall that His Glory was manifested on the Mount of Transfiguration
- John 17:24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

and blessing. - The seventh and final thing that the Lord Jesus Christ is worthy to receive is blessing.

- Matthew 23:39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.” Also see Luke 19:38 and Mark 11:9 in that the people called Christ blessed. HE is worthy to be blessed – not us!
- Acts 3:26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.
 - This shows why we don't ask God for blessings – It is His Divine Right to bless whom He will.
- Romans 9:5 Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.
- 1 Timothy 6:14-15 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: 15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;
- Now see our next verse Revelation 5:13 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 honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.”
 - That is to Whom we pray, in Whom we are blessed, He is THE One worthy of all blessing and praise!