

Newsletter of Anne Graham Lotz

Spring 2013

"I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, ... Worthy is the Lamb who was slain...." -- Revelation 5:2, 12

he angel was loudly proclaiming that Jesus Christ is worth whatever the cost or sacrifice necessary in order to follow Him as a disciple in a life of obedient faith. That has caused me to reflect...

Is it worth it to get up on Sunday morning, go to Sunday school and church, when you were out late Saturday night, and you're tired?

Is it worth it every morning to get up 30 minutes earlier than your schedule requires in order to pray and read your Bible when you really want to sleep to the last minute?

Is it worth it to share the Gospel with your friend, and lose the friendship?

Is it worth it to fill out your income tax statement honestly, and pay more taxes?

Is it worth it to tell the truth, when lying would get you a promotion, or a salary increase?

Is it worth it to get involved with the homeless, the hopeless, or the helpless, in Jesus' Name and for His sake, and risk hostility and rejection?

Is it worth it to deny yourself, take up your Cross daily, and follow Christ, when no one else in your church seems to take their faith that seriously?

Is it worth it to live your life in obedience to God's Word, surrendered to God's will, walking in God's way, when the entire world seems to be going in the opposite direction?

Is it worth it to live a godly life, and become a member of the minority?

Is it worth it?

This AnGeL proclaims in a loud voice, Yes! YES! YES! Why? Because Jesus is worth it!

s we draw nearer to the end of human history, the spirit of anti-Christ in the world can - oppress our spirits, deeply discouraging us to the extreme point of deep despair and hopelessness. Have you felt the oppression? I have. And so I pulled out one of my favorite books of the Bible, Revelation, that was written to give Hope to the hopeless. I read it along with the first book I ever wrote, The Vision of His Glory, which was based on John's eyewitness account of the future. One of the stories I share towards the end of the book is that of an African pastor. When his church was cut off from the rest of the world during a bloody civil war, he wrote a Christmas letter by candlelight to the leaders of his denomination, and expressed the hope in his heart: "My candle is soon to go out, but the sun is rising. And who needs a candle when you have the Son?"

Sometimes, if we're honest, we can feel our "candle is soon to go out." We can get discouraged to the point of despair. When that happens, we need to refocus on the Son.



Following my Bible study workshop for 2300 women in Hickory, NC, my daughter, Rachel-Ruth Wright, led ten brave children in a Bible study on stage using the same Scripture the women had just studied! Each child was given a Bible, which they read verse by verse, discussing what it meant in their own lives. It was thrilling to hear their insights, and to see their joy as they realized Heaven is being prepared for them!

he following is an excerpt from *The Vision of His Glory* that I pray will help you, as it has me and many others, to be reignited in your hope:¹

"What has caused you to feel the candle of hope in your life is soon to go out? Bloody civil war in your home? Your marriage? Your business? Is the source of your hopelessness nothing you can really pinpoint, other than just a general feeling of depression, disillusionment, discouragement, distress, or defeat? Are you convinced Jesus Christ will reign in the world at some future time, but you don't know what difference that makes in your life today?

"The Bible concludes with a challenge to experience the difference that hope does make today. We are challenged not to place our hope in the things of this world, but to keep our focus on the Rising Son in every aspect of our lives.

"In the Old Testament, for approximately 14 years after David was anointed by God as king over God's people, he did not sit on the throne. His enemy, Saul, was in power, and during that time, Saul desperately did all he could to destroy David and those who were loyal to him.

"Four hundred men, from all walks of life, became terrified of Saul. To them, he seemed invincible in his power and immovable from his position of authority. They became discontented, distressed and discouraged in their daily life. Their candle of hope went out.

"Then they heard about David. They heard that he was God's anointed king. They heard that one day he would rule from the throne in Jerusalem. They heard of his victory over Goliath and the Philistine army, and of his repeated skirmishes with Saul and other enemies. They heard he was a courageous, compassionate leader who was undefeated in battle. So these 400 men forsook everything, and put all their hope in David: 'All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him, and he became their leader.' (1 Samuel 22:2)

"David, as a king in exile, became a rallying point for God's people. His leadership in their lives, even before he ruled from the throne in Jerusalem, radically changed their perspective of the present as well as of the future. It gave them hope!

"The 400 men, who lived for him and fought for him and placed all their hope in him, became David's Mighty Men. And when he was crowned King of Israel, they reigned with him!

"In one sense, the Lord Jesus Christ is God's anointed King in exile! The enemies of Satan, self, and sin reign supreme on His earthly throne of authority. Often



Pacific Northwest is so secular it is considered to be spiritually dead. But thousands of people turned out to hear me deliver God's Word in Seattle on the evening of March 7, while hundreds of pastors and ministry leaders gathered on March 8 for an all-day summit. At the conclusion of my three messages and one workshop, I challenged those present to claim the key to revival by repenting of sin. Hundreds tearfully responded! We pray that another Great Awakening has begun!

these 'kings' seem to be invincible in their power and immovable in their position, causing our candle of hope to flicker and falter.

"But we have heard of the King! We have heard of God's anointed! We have heard of His courageous and compassionate leadership! We have heard of His amazing exploits, and His victories in battle! Our candle of hope had almost gone out, 'but the sun is rising. And who needs a candle when you have the Son?'

"The King's rallying cry to His people challenges us to place all our hope in Him! Make Him your priority! Give Him your loyalty! Fan the flame of your love for Him! Live for Him! Serve Him! Be faithful to the King in exile! One day, you will reign with Him!"

nd one day, this AnGeL will join with millions of other angels along with every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, who testify that the high price we have paid for following Jesus in a life of full surrender and obedient faith has been worth every moment! Why? *Because He is worth it!* Until that day, this AnGeL is absolutely confident that God is working out His plan and can be trusted to complete it! (*Revelation 5:13*)

With Hope for tomorrow...and for today,

¹ Anne Graham Lotz, *The Vision of His Glory* (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishing, 2009, pp. 195-196).

Bible Study: Worthy to Rule Your World

One day thousands upon thousands will gather before the throne of God and proclaim Jesus Christ as the only One worthy to rule the world...to receive glory and honor and power...forever and ever! And as that scene unfolds in Heaven, on earth "every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." He is worthy to rule your world!

Read Revelation 4

I. HE IS ENTHRONED IN POWER 4:1-2

- **Who was seated on the throne? 4:2; 5:1; Hebrews 12:2.
- **Who actually saw and recorded this scene in Heaven? 4:1, 1:1-2, 5:1.
- **Describe John's circumstances when he saw this. 1:9.
- **Who else saw a similar scene, and what was the circumstance of each? Isaiah 6:1 with John 12:41; Ezekiel 1:1-5, 22, 26; Acts 7:54-60.
- **If you are going through an extremely difficult time, how does this encourage you?

II. HE IS ENCIRCLED IN PROOF 4:3-8

Proof of His Mercy

- **What were the circumstances of the first rainbow? Genesis 7:24-9:13.
- **What did the rainbow symbolize? Genesis 9:12-17.
- **Give phrases from the following verses that describe God's mercy: Isaiah 63:9; Micah 7:18; Habakkuk 3:2.
- **Explain the difference between Noah remembering the covenant, and Noah remembering God remembered the Covenant. Genesis 9:15-16. What does this mean to you?

Proof of His Authority

- **Besides the rainbow, what else encircled the Throne? 4.4
- **Generally speaking, who do you think the 24 elders are? Matthew 20:20-23; 2 Timothy 2:11-12; Revelation 20:6.
- **What do you think their white robes symbolize? Revelation 7:13-14; Isaiah 1:18.
- **How do the following verses encourage you? Revelation 2:26; 3:5, 21; 7:13-17.

Proof of His Activity

- **What words imply activity around the Throne? 4:5.
- **Read 2 Samuel 22. Underline all the verbs, and give verse numbers, that imply the activity of God.
- **Since God cannot be less than Himself, and He is active, how does this encourage you when you pray?

Proof of His Purity

- **Who is represented by the blazing lamps? 4:5, 1:4-5; Luke 3:15-16; Acts 2:1-4.
- **What is implied by His name? John 14:25; 16:8-11; 1 Peter 1:15.
- **What needs to be purged from your life so that you more clearly reflect the purity of the Holy Spirit? Malachi 3:2-3; Hebrews 9:22.

III. HE IS ENVELOPED IN PRAISE 4:9-11

- **Where did the praise in the Throne Room of Heaven originate? 4:6 with 5:8-10.
- **Who are these living creatures? Genesis 3:24; Ezekiel 1:4-14; Psalm 103:19-20.
- **How often did the four living creatures praise Jesus? 4:8.
- **How is it possible to work and worship at the same time? Explain.
- **Who began praising Jesus when they heard the four living creatures praise Him? 4:9-11.
- **How did the praise become contagious? 5:11-12.
- **How far-reaching was the praise? 5:13.
- **What has interrupted, or even silenced, your praise?
- **What was the ultimate act of praise described in v.10?
- **Relate this act to yourself. 1 Corinthians 3:10-15.
- **What crowns are available to a believer to lay at His feet? Philippians 4:1; 1 Thessalonians 2:19; 2 Timothy 4:8; James 1:12; 1 Peter 5:4; Revelation 2:10.
- **How is it possible to be saved and get into Heaven, but without a crown? 1 Corinthians 3:15; Revelation 3:11.
- **What crowns will you have to lay at His nail-pierced feet? What do you need to do today, or to start doing, so that you will not be bare-headed on that day?

While one day Jesus *will* rule the world, He is the only One who is worthy and able to rule *your* world today. How accurately does your life reflect His rulership now? Does He rule on the throne of your heart in power? Is He encircled with proof of His mercy, authority, activity, and purity in the way you live your life? And while you pour yourself into His work, is He enveloped in praise, 24/7?



All of us at AnGeL Ministries are thrilled when we have new resources, such as Fixing My Eyes on Jesus. Although they mean extra work receiving, processing, then placing in our inventory, they also mean we have one more way of getting people into God's Word.

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Praise and Prayer

PRAISE

- **For the completion of Anne's new book, *Wounded by God's People*, so that it is on schedule for a August 2013 release.
- **For the *Woman to Woman Conference* in Hickory, NC, February 8-9, that was filled to overflowing; for the hundreds who indicated decisions for salvation and surrender; and for the Bible study workshop that effectively demonstrated how to get children into God's Word.
- **For the outpouring of God's Spirit on *The Church Awakening Conference* in Seattle, WA, and the hundreds who claimed the key to revival by repenting of their sin.
- **For Just Give Me Jesus/Indianapolis on April 5-6. Please visit www.annegrahamlotz.com for a full praise report.

 Governor and Mrs. Mike Pence graciously welcomed my daughter. Morrow, and me to Indianapolis on Tuesday.
- **For Anne's Tour of Israel, April 21-May 1. Please visit www.annegrahamlotz.com for a full praise report.

PRAYER

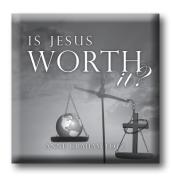
- **For Anne's message to the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions, June 12, to be clothed in the Spirit's power so that hearts are refreshed and revived.
- **For the marketing and media plans to promote Anne's new book, *Wounded by God's People*, to be Spirit-led so that it gets into the hands of as many people as possible who need to begin a healing journey.



Governor and Mrs. Mike Pence graciously welcomed my daughter, Morrow, and me to Indianapolis on Tuesday, April 2, when we arrived for Just Give Me Jesus. Although it has been customary in other countries for me to be greeted by government dignitaries, this is the first time a United States Governor has welcomed me during revival week. As a result, our entire team was encouraged and uplifted.

- **For God to open doors of strategic opportunity for ministry from home base, while Anne also cares for her husband, Danny.
- **For AnGeL Ministries to use social media and our website more effectively.

Is Jesus Worth It?



Do you ever ask yourself if living the Christian life is worth it? Especially when you see non-Christians profiting from their sin, prospering in their greed, and relatively problem-free? Anne answers that question with a resounding Yes! Because Jesus Christ is worth it!

Listen as Anne unpacks one of the most thrilling chapters in the Bible. Revelation 5 describes an event that is still future to us. In it the Apostle John gives his eyewitness account of Jesus Christ, rising up from His throne in Heaven, and claming His right to rule the world! As He does, the entire Universe rocks in praise of the One who alone is worthy, because He is unequaled, undisputed, and unrivaled in His position as the King of kings and Lord of lords.

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