

# Revelation

## Chapter 4-5

The fourth and fifth chapters of Revelation mince no words about the holiness of God. His size and scope, his power and wisdom, his perfection and righteousness – all of it so immense, so immeasurable, so magnificent – it's impossible to truly comprehend. Human words really can't do Him justice.

And...that's really the point.

We can't really grasp the beauty of the Gospel – of God's sacrificial work for us – until we understand how far away we really are from who He is. How uncrossable is the cavernous gap. Revelation 4 takes us there.

**READ:** Revelation 4

**Q:** What are some of the words and imagery used to describe God's bigness and holiness in this passage? Read them out loud.

**Q:** Why does God deserve our worship?

**Q:** What happens to us when we fail to worship God for who He really is?

**Q:** What lessons does this passage teach us about the purpose and importance of worship?

***To grasp the power of the Good News, we first have to understand the bad – that no amount of “goodness” is good enough. Moralism cannot save us. We need Someone greater.***

**Q:** What does truly understanding God's holiness reveal to us about ourselves?

**READ:** Matthew 5:21-22

**Q:** How did Jesus up the ante on what it means to be holy?

**Q:** Why is this important to the message of the Gospel?

**READ:** Revelation 5

**Q:** What does it mean that there is only One who can open the scroll? Why is this important?

**Q:** Define the word “redeem.” What does it mean?

**Q:** Why does redemption require blood? Why was the blood of the Lamb important?

***When we truly see the holiness of God and we truly understand the depravity in ourselves, the need for a Savior becomes strikingly clear. There is only One who can cross the cavernous divide, who can open the scroll, and His Name is Jesus.***

**Q:** The world is happy to talk about God. Politicians acknowledge God, Hollywood actors thank God in acceptance speeches, other religions proclaim a God-figure. But few want to talk about Jesus, the only one worthy to bridge the gap between God and man. Why do you think that is?

***The Gospel is “Good News,” in that Christ accomplishes for us what we could never accomplish for ourselves. But in a way, it’s also tough news to swallow, because mankind hates being dependent. We want to be at the center of life, we internally despise needing something bigger than ourselves.***

**Q:** This is true even of those of us who call ourselves Christians. Can you describe a way this week that you struggled putting God at the center of your life? In His proper place of worship?

**Q:** What are some other things you naturally put in His place?

**PAUSE:** Take some time to reflect on God’s holiness and your need for a Savior. Recommit to placing Him in the proper place of worship in your life this week.