

Worth Our Allegiance

Who God is can be an academic discussion. It can be about information and even appreciation. Yet, in the Bible we see that those who really know Him understand God in another way. Who God is calls them to respond.

Scripture(s): Genesis 22; Mark 8:35-37; Philippians 3:7-8; Hebrews 11:13-19; Revelation 4:11 & 5:9-14

Today's truth: God is the One who is worthy of complete allegiance and real sacrifice.

I. The first word that describes God's incredible value to His people is _____. God's value is so absolute to His people that what He asks of us is _____ it. (Mark 8:35-37; Philippians 3:7-8)

II. The second word that describes God's incredible value to His people is _____. Trust is that part of faith that knows that God is both able and willing to _____ His promises to us.

Hebrews 11:13-19 ¹³ All these [the Old Testament believers] died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own. ¹⁵ And indeed if they had been thinking of that country from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them. ¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; ¹⁸ it was he to whom it was said, "IN ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS SHALL BE CALLED." ¹⁹ He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type.

III. The third word that describes God's incredible value to His people is _____. God is worthy of our praise, obedience, and supreme _____.

Revelation 4:11 "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

Revelation 5:9-10 "Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. ¹⁰

"You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."

Revelation 5:11-14 ¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing." ¹³ And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever." ¹⁴ And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Our challenge - Reject the temptation to make understanding God a _____ exercise.

1. If you know Jesus has come to save you from your sinful nature, then _____ Him for the forgiveness He has come to give you.

2. Let the glory, love, and giving of God be grow in your heart until you _____ His call on your life.

3. Let who Jesus is direct who you are in your life's _____, your life's expressions of love, and your life in the Spirit.

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