

Worship

LESSON SIX Dan Owen, Broadway church of Christ Paducah, Kentucky

You tube link for lesson six <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyeJLHsnNPc>

The Book of Revelation, main message is Worship God. They were facing persecution from the Romans. Emperor Domitian ruled from 81-96 A.D. Emperor worship was that of considering the Roman emperor as Lord God. One could have other Gods, but the Emperor must be foremost. Christians refused to do that. See attached article about Polycarp.

Revelation 1: 12-18 Vision of the son of man

When being tempted by Satan in Luke 4:8, Jesus says And Jesus answered him, *"It is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve."* From Deut. 6:13

Revelation Chapter 4 Worship in the Throne Room
similar to Ezekiel 1:26ff likeness of the glory of God
Exodus 24: 9-11 pavement around the throne

Revelation 4:8 *"...Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"*
similar to Isaiah 6: 1-3

4:11 *"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."*

Colossians 1:16 *"For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him."* Also, John 1:3 and Hebrews 1:10

It is only fitting that the created should worship the Creator.

Chapter 5 The Lamb

similar to John 1:29, *"the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!"*

In chapter 4:11 God is worthy of worship, in 5:8ff, the Lamb is worthy of worship; thus, the Lamb must be God.

Song, To Him who Sits on the Throne

Our problem is the competition in our world and lives that compete with worshipping Him and Him alone. In that day it was persecution. The ability to do business, to be accepted might depend on offering incense to another God. Daniel 7:23 is a prophesy of the fourth beast which would cause the saints great trouble. We understand that to be the Roman empire.

Emperor Trajan, 98 – 117 A.D., was generally more moderate than Domitian.

Ignatius was overseer (bishop) of the Christians in Antioch in Syria during one of the persecutions that broke out while Trajan was emperor. ... When Ignatius was arrested, he refused to acknowledge the official gods and, not being a Roman citizen, was sentenced to die in the amphitheater in Rome.

Simeon, bishop of Jerusalem was also executed.

Read Foxes Book of Martyrs.

Might we do things today that make our lives more compatible with “the world”? Examples?

READ Revelation 14: 9-13. vs. 12 *“...a call for the endurance of the saints...”*

A clear warning of putting anything in the place the rightful worship to our Creator.

Dan said, “This life does not matter as much as the next one.”

We want to be sure to *“die in the Lord”* 14: 13

Job’s wife said, *“Curse God and die.”* 2:9

There were times in the lives of God’s people they felt the Lord had abandoned them. He did not care about their plight.

Hebrews 10:35 *“Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.”*

Luke 21:19 KJV *“In your patience possess ye your souls.”*

Example of Polycarp

Revelation 22: 8, 9 *“I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. **Worship God.**”*

Summing up our study; we bring gifts to God, we sent up praises and prayers to God, we call out to God, we kneel before Him, we pour out our lives and spirit to god, we align our spirit and will with His Spirit, and we serve Him **always**.