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THE WORTHY ONE WHO IS SOVEREIGN

Rev. 4:1-11

Guthrie: Only in the depths of worship, as we stand in awe of God's majestic glory, do all other competing claims for affection and attention recede into their rightful place.

Ps. 63:2 "So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory."

I. GOD IS WORTHY OF OUR PRAISE (4:11)

- a. John is granted the privilege of seeing and hearing true God-centered worship.
- b. The praise in Heaven is not fickle but fixed, it's not circumstantial but certain; thus, so should ours be.
- c. Hamilton: The whole point of this text is to show us that right now God is on His throne being worshipped and praised as He rightly deserves. We need what this text gives us precisely because we do not see Him now. We walk by faith, not by sight, and the faith we walk by is in part faith that what 4:1-11 shows us about God is true.
- d. How much awe, affection, and adoration do we waste on things that lack inherent worth? Why do we give so much passion then, to things which we have to attribute worth?

II. GOD IS WORTHY OF OUR PRAISE BECAUSE HE REIGNS IN PERFECTION AND CARRIES OUT HIS PROVIDENTIAL PLANS (4:1-6A)

- a. God has always had, has, and will always have authority over everyone and everything everywhere because He alone reigns over all things.
- b. Corrie ten Boom: There is no panic in Heaven! God has no problems, only plans.

III. GOD IS WORTHY OF OUR PRAISE BECAUSE OF HIS PURITY AND HIS PERMANENCE (4:6B-8)

- a. God alone is holy. God alone is almighty. God alone is eternal.
- b. Those around God's throne always have fuel for worship and so do we.

IV. GOD IS WORTHY OF OUR PRAISE BECAUSE HE CREATED ALL THINGS BY HIS POWER AND FOR HIS PURPOSES (4:9-11)

- a. We would not and could exist apart from God's willing us into existence.
- b. We exist by His power, according to His purposes, and for His praise.