

Revelation Ch. 4

INTRO. TO CHAPTER 4:

- This is the beginning of the 3rd. major division in the book of Revelation as stated in **Revelation 1:19**.
 1. The things which thou hast seen: Jesus revealed / Ch. 1
 2. Which are: The church age / Ch's. 2 & 3
 3. And the things which shall be hereafter: The events leading up to the second coming of Jesus.

- We have reached the end of church history on Earth.
- The church is not mentioned any more after Ch. 3 until the end of the book.
- The church is no longer in or part of the world just as Jesus said:

John 17:6 "They are not of the world even as I am not of the world."

- In His letters to the last 4 churches He warned them that He was coming:

"Behold I come quickly", repent or be cast into the great tribulation.

- Keep His word, and be kept from the great tribulation.

John 14:3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

- The rapture has taken place and the church, now referred to as the "Bride of Christ", has been taken up to Jesus and the wedding feast has begun.
- We are told how this will happen:

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 ¹⁶For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: ¹⁷Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: And so shall we ever be with the Lord."

1 Cor. 15:51-52 ⁵¹Behold, I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

- The term "church" is not so much a name for an organization as it is a definition or description.
 - Church = "ekklesia" in Greek is a compound word.
 1. In Greek, "kaleo" means "to call"
 2. "ek" means "out of"
 3. "Ekklesia" means call out of, as in called out of the world.
 - The "church" that is left behind after the rapture, which is not the bride of Christ, will go through or enter into the great tribulation.
 - The left behind church is no longer referred to as the church either, they are referred to as "[The Harlot](#)".
 - Chapters 4 & 5 describe the scene in heaven, then chapter 6 starts the tribulation when the wrath of God is poured out.
 - This third section in the book of revelation is also further divided into 3 sections:
 1. Ch's. 4 & 5: takes us to the throne of God.
 2. " 6-19: amplify the 70th. week in Daniel.
 3. " 20-22: discuss Christ's kingdom and eternity.
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V: 1 *"After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter."*

V: 1a *"After this..."*

- "Meta tauta" - after these things, showing the things which must be here after, the third part of the book as described in Rev. 1:19.
- Progressively, Chapter 1 - The things which thou hast seen: Jesus revealed & Chapters 2 & 3 – the church age.

V: 1b *"...behold, a door was opened in heaven:..."*

- Who has the power to open and close doors? JESUS!

Revelation 3:7-8 "... ⁷These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; ⁸I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it...."

Isaiah 22:22

John 14:6

- Jesus is the door:

John 10:9 "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."

- This is the same door that was open to the Philadelphians in Rev. 3:7, and closed in the church of Laodicea in Rev. 3:20.
- The next time we see the door to heaven opened is at the 2nd coming of Jesus.

Revelation 19:11 "And I saw heaven opened..."

- This implies that the door to heaven had been closed in the interim, during the wedding feast / tribulation, just as with the parable of the 10 virgins.

Matthew 25:10-12 ¹⁰And while they went to buy the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with Him to the marriage, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterwards came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. ¹²But He answered and said, "verily I say unto you, I know you not."

- This is very much like:

Matthew 7:22-23 ²²Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? ²³And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

- Isaiah also wrote about the rapture: **Isaiah 26:19-21**

V: 1c *"...and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter."*

- The voice of Jesus is the trumpet that calls all of us to "come up hither!"
- The rapture occurs with this "trigger phrase" / command.

1 Corinthians 15:52 "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

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- The Bible doesn't say we'll be in heaven forever, it says we'll be with the Lord. Wherever Jesus is, that's Heaven!
 1. While He's in Heaven, we'll be in Heaven.
 2. When He comes to Earth, we come to Earth.
 3. When He goes into the New Heaven and the New Earth, we'll go into the New Heaven and the New Earth.
- We'll be in Heaven with Jesus for 7 years, enjoying the marriage supper while the Earth goes through the tribulation. Then we'll come back to Earth with Christ, to reign with Him as Kingdom Priests for 1,000 years. After that we'll live and reign with Him forever.

V: 2 *"And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne."*

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- Immediately, just like the rapture verses.

1 Corinthians 15:52 *"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye,..."*

- Isaiah, Daniel, and Paul also had rapture like experiences being transported through time and space to Heaven. A personal one man rapture of sorts.

Isaiah 6:1-5 *"In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple...."*

Daniel 7:13-14 *"¹³I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of Man came with the clouds of Heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. ¹⁴And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion. Which shall not pass away, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."*

2 Corinthians 12:1-4 *"¹It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago,(whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth) such as one caught up to the third heaven. ³And I knew such a man, Whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell, God knoweth;) ⁴How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which is not lawful for a man to utter."*

- Being in God's presence can happen a few different ways.
 1. God is always with us, He is omnipresent, and for Christians, He is abiding in us as we have invited Him into our hearts.
 2. When we die physically, our body's stay where they drop, but our spirit is immediately in the presence of God.
 3. When we get raptured, we are physically transported to Heaven, being transformed along the way.
 4. If you're bad enough, and wait long enough, He'll come to you, but He'll be riding a white horse and wielding a mighty sword.

2 Corinthians 5:6-8 ⁶"Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight: ⁸we are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."

- In the spirit, for the 2nd. time, the first time was in **Revelation 1:10**.
- In the spirit: being guided by the Holy Spirit, including the recording of the events.

John 16:13 "Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come He will guide you unto all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself: but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come."

- Why was John in the spirit? Because flesh and blood cannot enter the kingdom of Heaven.

1 Corinthians 15:50 "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption."

- Unlike Paul, John is told to record what he is being shown and to utter it to anyone with ears.

Revelation 1:1 "The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him, to shew unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass; and He sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John:"

Revelation 22:10 "And He saith unto me, seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand."

V: 2b *"... and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne."*

Psalms 11:4 "The Lord is in His holy Temple, the Lord's throne is in Heaven: His eyes behold, His eyelids try, the children of men."

Psalm 47:8 "God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness."

Psalm 97:2 "Clouds and darkness are round about Him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne."

Psalm 103:19 "The Lord hath prepared His throne in the heavens; and His kingdom ruleth over all."

Ezekiel 1:26-28 Gives a parallel description of the throne of God.

- This is the throne of God the Father, at this time Jesus is sitting at His right hand, but John is seeing future things.

Psalm 110:1 "The Lord said unto my Lord, sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool."

Acts 7:55-56 "But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God and said behold I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God."

Hebrews 12:2 "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

- Which throne is this? The white throne judgment throne, or the Beema seat where the believers works will be judged?

Romans 14:10 "But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ."

1 Corinthians 3:11-15 and **2 Tim. 4:1-8**

VS:

Jude 14-15 ¹⁴"And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, ¹⁵to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

Matthew 12:36-37 "But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

- John being a believer wouldn't be standing in front of the judgment seat of unbelievers.

Romans 8:1 "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

- This whole scene takes place after the judgment of the believers.

2 Corinthians 5:10 "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether is be good or bad."

V: 3 *"And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald."*

- All we see is color and light, no physical description of God, because we can't see or comprehend Him.

1 Timothy 6:16 "Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and power everlasting. Amen."

- John can, however, see the light.
- Colors are described in relation to precious stones.

1. **Jasper**: clear, like a diamond, with a purple hue. Purple = royalty.

Revelation 21:11 "Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;"

2. **Sardine**: blood red, after which Sardis had been named.

Exodus 28:17-20 Describing the priestly garments, including the Breast Plate of judgment.

1. The Jasper stone being last or ending.
 2. The Sardine stone being first, or beginning.
- Alpha & Omega - get it?

- The priest's breast plate stones were set in 4 rows of 3. Genesis 29:32-30:24, gives us the meanings of the names.

1.	Sardius	Reuben	"behold a son"
2.	Topaz	Simeon	"hearing"
3.	Carbuncle	Levi	"joined unto me, communion, fellowship"
4.	Emerald	Judah	"praise"
5.	Sapphire	Dan	"judging"
6.	Diamond	Naphtali	"struggling / wrestling"
7.	Ligure	Gad	"troop / company"
8.	Agate	Asher	"happy"
9.	Amethyst	Issachar	"a hire / my hire"
10.	Beryl	Zebulun	"dwelling"
11.	Onyx	Joseph	"taken away my reproach"; justified?
12.	Jasper	Benjamin	"son of my right hand"

V: 3b *"...and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald."*

- Emerald green rainbow around the throne of God.
- Rainbow in Greek is "iris", which also means "halo".
- Rainbow is also a reference to God's promise not to use a flood again as judgment for the Earth. Genesis 9:8-7, being an "everlasting covenant" with "every living creature".
- This being done just prior to that second judgment also speaks to mercy in the midst of judgment.

Habakkuk 3:2 *"Oh Lord, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: Oh Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years make known, in wrath remember mercy."*

- Generally speaking, a rainbow is a sign that the storm has already passed by.

V: 4 *"And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold."*

- 24 Thrones and 24 elders.
- Scripture doesn't say specifically, but these "seats" are smaller. The Greek word for throne and seat are the same.

- The 24 elders are mentioned 12 times in Revelation, and speak 7 times.
- Elders are / were generally representatives appointed by the church beginning in the early church, The Jews also had elders.

Titus 1:5 "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that were wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:"

- These 24 elders represent believers of all ages, the "church", and are now in Heaven.
 - When this term is used in the Bible it always denotes a man.
 - "Elder" has both an authoritative and chronological meaning.
 - Angels were all created at once - they are the same age, none of them are elder, older.
 - Elders are wearing white raiment and crowns, terms used to describe over comers.
 - Angels are ministering spirits (Heb. 1:14) and are never described as wearing crowns of any kind.
 - In Rev. 5:8-9 these elders praise and worship the lamb who redeemed them by His blood. Angels are not redeemed.
 - The 24 elders are men, but why 24? We don't know why, but there are several possibilities.
1. The Israelites used 70 elders, there is no indication how many elders were in the early church.
 2. There were 24 orders of priests in Israel, each with a leader, but they were not elders. (**1 Chron. 24:1-19**)
 3. Possibly 12 patriarchs + 12 apostles, but the 12 apostles have already been assigned the task of judging the 12 tribes in **Matthew 12:28**.
 4. There are 24 patriarchs listed in the line of the promised seed. Adam, Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, Noah, Shem, Aphraxad, Salah, Eber, Peleg, Reu, Serug, Nahor, Terah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, Pharez.
 5. David also divided the singers into 24 courses. 1 Chron. 25:9-30
 6. David's army was divided into groups of 24,000. 1 Chron. 27:1-15

7. There were 24,000 Levite priests, 1 Chron. 23:3-4.
- The elders have what the "overcomers" were promised in the 7 previous letters from Jesus to the churches.
 1. Thrones: Rev. 3:21
 2. White robes: Rev. 3:5
 3. Crowns of gold: Rev. 2:10
 - While these elders do represent all believers in some way, they are also individuals who have been redeemed.
 - The bottom line is that we do not know for sure, God does, so it'll work out o.k.

V: 4b *"... clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold."*

- The white raiment is the righteousness of Christ.

Isaiah 61:10 "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels."

2 Corinthians 5:21 "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."

- Crowns of gold: are given as rewards, and as symbols of rulership, and of victory.

2 Timothy 4:8 "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing."

James 1:12 "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him."

1 Peter 5:4 "And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

V: 5 *"And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God."*

- Lightnings and thunderings usually precede a storm and generally indicate the intensity of the storm.

- That storm is the coming judgment, the previous judgment / storm was the flood of Noah.

Hebrews 10:31 "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God."

- Notice that the tabernacle is a model of God's throne. You have candle sticks, a laver, the mercy seat, cherubim.
- Voices indicate direction - specific judgment, not random.
- The 7 spirits of God again refer to the Holy Spirit of God just as with **Revelation 1:12-13**. This time they are not just 7 candlesticks, they are lamps of fire, possibly pointing again to intensity. Fire is equated to judgment. We are seeing consistency within the triune God Head.

Genesis 19:24 "Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of Heaven."

Isaiah 29:6 "Thou shalt be visited of the Lord of Hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire."

2 Peter 3:7 "But the heavens and the Earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."

Isaiah 66:16 "For by fire and by His sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many."

- Essentially, all *Heaven* is about to break loose!

V:6 "And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind."

- "sea of glass" describes it's appearance, not necessarily what it's made from.
- This sea before the throne is another indication of judgment as opposed to mercy. This sea represents the holiness and righteousness of God

Exodus 30:18-21 "¹⁸Thou shalt also make a laver of **brass**, and his foot also of brass, to wash withal: and thou shalt put it **between** the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein. ¹⁹For Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet thereat: ²⁰When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn

offering made by fire unto the Lord: ²¹So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not: and it shall be a statute for ever to them, even to him and his seed throughout their generations.

2 Chronicles 4:2-6 "...but the sea was for the priests to wash in."

- The water / sea is calm - smooth as glass because His priests are done splashing around, they have already been washed, cleansed, judged. If someone was in the water, washing, there would be movement. The church is no longer on the stormy tossing sea.

Matthew 5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

Hebrews 12:14 "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no shall see the Lord."

- The glassy sea also represents the Word of God, which we are to be washed in.

John 15:3 "Now ye are clean through the Word which I have spoken unto you."

Ephesians 5:26 "That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word."

V: 6b *"... and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind."*

- "Beasts", the Greek word used here is "Zoon", which literally translates into "living creatures". Living creatures sounds different than beasts, which has a barbaric, un-intelligent connotation.
- Full of eyes, fully aware, alert, and observing.
- This description resembles both the Cherubim and Seraphim as described in **Ezekiel 1:5-10, 10:20**; and **Isaiah 6:2-3** respectively.
- These living creatures would seem to be the highest of the angelic hierarchy having direct access to the throne of God.
- Like the elders, these are real beings. Not symbols, they were created for a specific ministry related to the immediate presence of God.

V: 7 *"And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle."*

- The four creatures are living creatures, quick, and powerful.

Hebrews 4:12 "For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword. Piercing even to the diving asunder of soul and spirit, even of the joints and marrow. And is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

1. Lion: greatest of the wild animals.
2. Ox: greatest of the domestic animals.
3. Eagle: greatest of the flying animals.
4. Man: greatest of all the creatures.

- As with the books of Kells the four living creatures seem to represent the four gospels.

Lion: Gospel of **Matthew** presents Lord Jesus as the King, born a king, lived as king, died as king, raised as king, and coming again as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He is the Lion of the tribe of Judah.

Genesis 49:9-10 "Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a law giver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be."

Calf, or an ox, a beast of burden. The servant animal, domesticated. In the Gospel of **Mark**, Jesus is presented as the servant. There is no genealogy given in this gospel because the genealogy of a servant doesn't matter.

Man, he Gospel of **Luke** presents our Lord Jesus as the Son of Man. His humanity is what is emphasized.

Eagle, the Gospel of **John** communicates the deity of Christ, soaring from high above.

OVERVIEW OF 4 GOSPELS:

note: use spreadsheet to illustrate.

Matthew:

written to:	Jews.
perspective:	Jesus as Messiah, son of David.
sign:	Lion.
focus:	what Jesus said.
key phrase:	"fulfilled"
genealogy:	Abraham to Joseph, the legal line.
1st. miracle:	Leper (sin) cleansed.
ends with:	resurrection.

Mark

written to: Romans.
perspective: Jesus as servant, son of toil.
sign: Ox.
focus: what Jesus did.
key phrase: "immediately"
genealogy: none, it didn't matter.
1st. miracle: demon expelled.
ends with: ascension into Heaven.

Luke

written to: Greeks.
perspective: Jesus as man, Son of Man.
sign: Man.
focus: what Jesus felt.
key phrase: "immediately it came to pass"
genealogy: Adam to Mary, the blood line.
1st. miracle: demon expelled.
ends with: the promise of the Holy Spirit / Comforter.

John

written to: The church / believers.
perspective: Jesus as God, Son of God.
sign: Eagle.
focus: what Jesus was / is.
key phrase: "verily, verily I say unto you."
genealogy: pre-existent.
1st. miracle: water turned to wine at wedding.
ends with: return of Jesus, communing with his own.

V: 8 *"And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come."*

- This should all be read in the context of being in the present tense.
- The descriptions given are the same as those given of the Seraphim in Isaiah 6:2-3 including their praise and worship of God.
- "Holy, holy, holy" - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the triune God.
- "Which was, and is, and is to come" = Jesus.

Revelation 1:8 "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."

V: 9 *"And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,"*

- This is the first great worship scene we see in Heaven.
- Praise, worship, and adoration are the eternal activities of God's creatures in Heaven.
- Giving glory, honor, and thanks to God.
- Honor = value.
- Why are the Cherubim thankful?
 1. They weren't redeemed as we were.
 2. They were "created" and possibly are thankful to be in the presence of God. (Rev. 4:11), or for their preservation through all that has happened from the fall of Satan and his minions through the fall and depravity of man, to our redemption which is now complete through the blood of Jesus.
 3. Only those who are redeemed can fully know the meaning, the full meaning of thanksgiving. They know where they've come from, where they were headed, and where they are now, in the presence of God.
 4. Angels, like us look forward to Jesus' reign for ever and ever.

Romans 8:22 *"For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now."*

V: 10 *"The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,"*

- They, like us, have nothing that was not given by God.

James 1:17 *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."*

- Their faithfulness was made possible by His faithfulness.

1 John 4:19 *"We love Him, because He first loved us."*

Philippians 1:6 *"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:"*

V:11 *"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."*

- Thou art worthy - the only one who is worthy of that glory and honor - the source of all power.

Matthew 28:18 "... all power is given unto me in Heaven and in Earth."

- Thou hast created all things:

Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth."

Colossians 1:16 "For by him were all things created, that are in Heaven, and that are in Earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him."

- Before we can acknowledge God as our redeemer, we have to acknowledge Him as our creator, creator of all things. This verse acknowledges that requirement. The opposite of evolution, humanism, and "theistic evolution".
- We were created to be pleasing to God, for His pleasure.

Proverbs 16:4 "The Lord hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil."

Isaiah 43:7 "Even every one that is called by My name: for I have created him for My glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him."

- What would please Him? Obedience, praise, worship, loving Him in truth!
- The meaning of life: **TO BE PLEASING TO GOD.**
- The only way to have truly happy, fulfilled lives is to be pleasing to God, by accepting Jesus as our Lord, and obeying Him. Otherwise we are empty, frustrated, and ever seeking happiness.

Hebrews 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

Ecclesiastes 12:13 "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

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