

Where Your Treasure Is: Understanding the Infinite Worth of Jesus

(Matthew 6:19-21 NASB) “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; 21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

I. Determining The Worth of Jesus

- a. We determine something's value through several key factors: **scarcity**, **utility**, and **irreplaceability**. Rare items have higher prices, useful things prove their worth through what they accomplish, and irreplaceable objects have a preciousness that goes beyond their function alone. And there's a fourth factor of value, the **worth born from personal relationship and connection**. In Revelation 5, we see that Jesus Christ embodies all four of these measures of worth in their *ultimate expression*, making Him infinitely valuable and absolutely worthy of our worship.
- b. The principle of **scarcity** creates urgency and elevates worth in ways abundance never could. When something exists in limited quantity, its value increases. China spends \$255 million annually protecting giant pandas simply because fewer than 2,000 remain in the wild, their rarity alone makes them invaluable. In Revelation 5 we see the principle of scarcity in a more profound expression. Revelation 5 describes Jesus as the only one found worthy to take the scroll from the Father's hand (The scroll represents complete authority). Not one among billions, but the only One, making His worth immeasurable and His worthiness absolute.

*(Revelation 5:1-5 NASB) “I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals. 2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and to break its seals?” 3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. 4 Then I began to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. 5 And one of the elders *said to me, “Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to be able to open the scroll and its seven seals.”*

- c. **Utility** reveals worth through action and accomplishment. A multitool is one of the most valuable tools to military soldiers when they're on the field, because it can accomplish exactly what's needed when it's needed most. In Revelation 5, heaven erupts in worship not merely because of who Jesus is, but because of what He has done. They declare His worthiness based on His ultimate act of utility as the slaughtered lamb. Jesus didn't just possess the qualifications to redeem humanity, He actually did it. His worth is established not in potential but in completed mission.

*(Revelation 5:8-10 NASB) “When He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they *sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are You to take the scroll and to break its seals; for You were slaughtered, and You purchased people for God with Your blood from every tribe, language, people, and nation. 10 You have made them into a kingdom and priests to our God, and they will reign upon the earth.”*

- d. **Irreplaceability** transcends both scarcity and utility, creating a category of value all its own. The Mona Lisa hangs behind bulletproof glass, insured for hundreds of millions of dollars, yet no price tag could truly capture its worth. Thousands of reproductions exist, but none carry the value of the original. What makes it priceless isn't just that it's rare or useful, but that it cannot be recreated. In Revelation 5, John witnesses myriads upon myriads of angels, joining with every creature in heaven, on earth, under the earth, and in the sea to proclaim the Lamb's exclusive worthiness. All of created order erupts in unified worship because they recognize what cannot be denied: there is no substitute for Jesus, no alternative savior, no backup plan for redemption. His sacrifice cannot be repeated, His victory cannot be replicated, and His position cannot be replaced.

(Revelation 5:11-14 NASB) “Then I looked, and I heard the voices 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 slaughtered to receive power, wealth, wisdom, might, honor, glory, and blessing.” 13 And I heard every created thing which is in heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth, or on the sea, and all the things in them, saying, “To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be the blessing, the honor, the glory, and the dominion forever and ever.” 14 And the four living creatures were saying, “Amen.” And the elders fell down and worshiped.”

- e. Beyond economic calculations lies another measure of value, the **worth born from relationship and personal connection**. The most valuable possession I own isn't rare, useful, or irreplaceable by any objective standard. It's a hat my dad signed before he passed away. To anyone else, it's just a hat with a signature. But to me, it's priceless because of who gave it to me and the relationship it represents. This is perhaps the most profound dimension of Christ's worth to the believer. Yes, He is objectively worthy, but to those who know Him as a friend, His value transcends cosmic realities. He's not just the Lamb who was slain for an unfathomable number of people; He is the Savior who died for me specifically. Our individual history with God elevates His worth in ways that even angelic worship cannot fully capture.

(Galatians 2:20 NASB) “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”

II. Responding To Worth

- a. When something is truly seen as valuable, response is inevitable. We do not have to be taught to respond to what we treasure; our hearts and lives naturally move toward what we perceive as worthy. Worship is not something we create by discipline alone, it's something that rises when the heart recognizes value. What we value most captures our attention, shapes our desires, and ultimately commands our devotion. When Jesus is seen rightly, worship becomes the only fitting response.

(Psalm 96:8 NASB) “Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name; Bring an offering and come into His courtyards.”

(Psalm 145:3 NASB) “Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable.”

- b. When the Lamb appears in Revelation 5, worship erupts because His worth has been revealed. Heaven had been searching for someone worthy to open the scroll, and when Jesus steps forward, the response is immediate. The elders fall down. Harps are lifted. Bowls of prayer are offered. Songs break out. His worth does not need to be announced, it is obviously recognized, and that very recognition produces worship. The praise in Revelation 5 is both spontaneous and structured: spontaneous because His worth overwhelms them, and structured because heaven is ordered around worship. Worth creates order. Glory produces response.
- c. The worship in Revelation 5 is antiphonal/responsive. One group declares His worth, another answers, then angels join, and finally all creation responds. Authentic worship multiplies as revelation spreads. One voice is meant to ignite another. Worship is supposed to be contagious because revelation is shared. Within the context of community, our revelation of Jesus' beauty strengthens one another. When someone near you sees Him clearly, it awakens awe in your own heart. This is why corporate worship is powerful because it aligns us together around the same revelation of Jesus.

(Colossians 3:16 NASB) “Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”

(Ephesians 5:18-21 NASB) “but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your hearts to the Lord; 20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to our God and Father; 21 and subject yourselves to one another in the fear of Christ.”

- i. The 4 living creatures and twenty-four elders fall down and sing (v.8-9)
- ii. Myriads of angels then respond to their song (v. 11-12)

- iii. Every created thing in heaven, on earth, or under the earth, or on the sea, and all things contribute to what the first to groups proclaim. (v. 13)
- iv. The four living creatures answer with “Amen” (v. 14)
- v. The twenty-four elders fall down and worship (v.14).

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III. Reflecting & Call To Action

- a. Those who lead worship or spend time in worshiping communities or prayer rooms must continually ask not only what they sing, but what they value. It is possible to minister about Jesus while slowly drifting from actually treasuring Him. In environments like houses of prayer or worship teams, where worship becomes routine and excellence is required, the heart can shift from adoration to performance or from wonder to familiarity. But those closest to Him in heaven never grow bored of Jesus. He’s the Lamb that is always worthy, always fresh, always deserving of awe and wonder. The call to us is to guard our hearts so that our ministry to God flows from adoration rather than routine.

(Isaiah 29:13 CEB) “The Lord says: Since these people turn toward me with their mouths, and honor me with lip service while their heart is distant from me, and their fear of me is just a human command that has been memorized,”

(Mark 7:6-7 TPT) “Jesus replied, “You are hypocrites! How accurately did Isaiah prophesy about you phonies when he said: ‘These people honor me with their words while their hearts run far away from me! Their worship is nothing more than a charade! For they continue to insist that their man-made traditions are equal to the instructions of God.’”

- b. Because worship flows from what we value, the most important thing we can do as worshipers is not vocal warm-ups or crafty set lists, it is cultivating genuine affection for Jesus by constantly praying for a spirit of wisdom and revelation. If our private devotion grows cold, our public worship will eventually become hollow. When Jesus is treasured in secret, worship becomes powerful and provoking in public.

(Psalm 27:4 NASB) “One thing I have asked from the Lord, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord And to meditate in His temple.”

- c. In a house of prayer, this becomes even more critical. We sing about Jesus for hours, but do we still see Him? Do we still feel the weight of His worth? Revelation 5 reminds us of worship that’s fueled by revelation: they see the Lamb, and therefore they sing. Our prayer rooms must not become factories of religious noise, but dwelling places of constant revelation. Every set, every prayer, every song should be an answer to the question, “What is He worth right now?” In the dry seasons we can pull from moments or seasons past where our hearts were moved by His beauty. We have to constantly make Him our treasure.

(Psalm 63:1-3 NASB) “God, You are my God; I shall be watching for You; My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, In a dry and exhausted land where there is no water. 2 So have I seen You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and glory. 3 Because Your favor is better than life, My lips will praise You.”