

**Daniel Perrin – L6: Understanding Sacrifice – Thursday, May 8: For You Created All Things!**

1. Bulls and Goats / Passover Lamb / Jesus at the Temple
  - a. All this talk about the Temple and the Sanctuary and the Sacrifices/Feasts ...
  - b. It's NOT just Bible trivia.
  - c. That's not why this is in the Bible at all
  - d. 13 chapters on the Sanctuary out of the 40 chapters of Exodus / ALL through Leviticus
  - e. Repeat mentions in the books of history, Samuel to Kings
  - f. The whole books of Chronicles are themed around what happened to the Temple.
2. But it's NOT about the Temple – at least NOT the physical Temple on Earth
  - a. Listen to what God said would happen to His Temple: **Micah 3:12** – *Therefore because of you Zion shall be plowed like a field, Jerusalem shall become heaps of ruins, and the mountain of the temple like the bare hills of the forest.*
  - b. Same thing in **Jeremiah 26:6–7**
  - c. In **Daniel 9:25** – a command “to restore and rebuild Jerusalem”
    - **Vs. 26** – *And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.*
  - d. Jesus: **Matthew 24:1–2** – *Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. <sup>2</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.”*
3. All of this indicates to us that the Temple on Earth was NOT the Final Word
  - a. Hebrews especially (but not only) directs us to the Heavenly Temple where the REAL action takes place
4. In the Temple on Earth, you didn't enter without blood (**Hebrews 9:7**)
  - I'm not Worthy
5. Isaiah saw a glimpse of the Temple in Heaven
  - a. **Isaiah 6:1–5** – *In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!” <sup>4</sup> And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> So I said: “Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.”*
  - b. This was his conversion
  - c. When he sees God's glory, he is profoundly aware of his iniquity and his complete unfitness to dwell in God's presence — He sees that HE is unworthy.
6. John is invited into the Sanctuary in Heaven in Revelation 4 – Let's join him
  - a. Do you ever feel a sense of WORTHINESS when you are in God's presence?
7. **Revelation 4** – John is called to witness what happens in God's Temple
  - a. The center is the Throne
  - b. One sat on the throne
  - c. Sea of Glass
  - d. Praise to the one seated on the throne
  - e. 4 living creatures — constant praise
  - f. 24 elders – casting crowns

- g. **4:11** – “You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.”
8. **Revelation 5:1–10** – *And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup> Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?” <sup>3</sup> And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. <sup>4</sup> So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.*
- a. All attention turns to the Scroll — Completely and perfectly sealed
  - b. John has just heard the most beautiful praises
  - c. The one who sits on the throne is WORTHY
  - d. John weeps because NO ONE – not even the One on the throne is Worthy to open the scroll
9. <sup>5</sup> *But one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.”*
- a. All this is relevant to you — It applies to YOUR life
  - b. Someone is Worthy – A Lion, the Root of David
  - c. That would be the Foundation and Continuation of all kingly authority
10. <sup>6</sup> *And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.*
- a. YES! This is what we’ve longed for.
  - b. All Authority in heaven and on earth
  - c. This is worth praising God
11. <sup>8</sup> *Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying: “You are **worthy** to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, <sup>10</sup> And have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.”*
- a. This worthiness comes from the Lamb Slain
  - b. What does this mean for you
  - c. The Temple leads you to Jesus
  - d. It’s NOT just trivia – Not just symbols
  - e. It is reality of the Truest Kind
  - f. The Heavenly Sanctuary is NOT just a unique doctrine — it is the Worthiness of Jesus Christ