

## REVELATION 5 – PASTOR JEFFRESS 7282021

**Sister Shelbia shared a document called ‘exposure to false teaching’; and one called occult involvement.**

Sharon shared a book called ‘False Teachings’. She bought it years ago and was looking at all the subjects in the book and got scared, so put the book away. Now she believes is the time to use this book as we study Revelation.

Sister Shelbia shared questions and answers about wrath and glory; the wrath and glory leaders guide; and warfare prayers.

*Sister Shelbia opened us with prayer -*

*Our father we are so thankful to be gathered here; and we know you have everyone you want here, and that its for your purpose. Please forgive my sin. Take over. We want to know more about you. Help us learn. We want to be your hands and feet in this dark world. We are thankful you are in charge of this world. We don’t want anyone’s time to be wasted. Teach us what we need to know to do your will. In Jesus Name, Amen.*

**Jesus Calling** - *trust me and don’t be afraid for I am your strength and song. Do not let fear dissipate your energy. Instead, invest your energy in trusting me and singing My song. Do not be frightened by worldly news reports, these are biased and presented as if Jesus/God doesn’t exist. A news clip showed tiny bits that had God’s presence in the world removed. As journalists sift thru massive amounts of information, they sift me out. Follow the strength of David; courage for remembering who I am; rejoice that you are on an adventurous journey. Each day is a new adventure. A gift from God totally. With me, your ultimate destination. The battle for control of your mind is fierce, and years of worry have made you vulnerable to the enemy. Therefore, you need to be vigilant in guarding your thoughts. Do not despise this weakness in yourself, since I am using it to draw you closer to Me. Your constant need for Me creates an intimacy that is well worth all the effort. You are not alone in this struggle for your mind. My spirit living within you is ever ready to help in this striving. Ask Him to control your mind; He will bless you with Life and Peace. Focus on me. Fear will subside; joy will rise up in you. I am your strength and song!*

**Isaiah 12:2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.**

**Romans 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.**

*Chapters speaking to Shelbia:*

### **Psalms 37.**

**1 Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.**

**2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.**

**3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.**

**4 Delight thyself also in the LORD: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.**

**5 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.**

**6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.**

**7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.**

**8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.**

9 For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.  
 10 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.  
 11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.  
 12 The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.  
 13 The LORD shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming.  
 14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation.  
 15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.  
 16 A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.  
 17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous.  
 18 The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.  
 19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.  
 20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.  
 21 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.  
 22 For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off.  
 23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.  
 24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.  
 25 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.  
 26 He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.  
 27 Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore.  
 28 For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.  
 29 The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.  
 30 The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.  
 31 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.  
 32 The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him.  
 33 The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.  
 34 Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.  
 35 I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree.  
 36 Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.  
 37 Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.  
 38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.  
 39 But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble.  
 40 And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

#### **Psalms 86 -**

1 Bow down thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I am poor and needy.  
 2 Preserve my soul; for I am holy: O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.  
 3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.  
 4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

5 For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.  
 6 Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.  
 7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.  
 8 Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works.  
 9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.  
 10 For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.  
 11 Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.  
 12 I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.  
 13 For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.  
 14 O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul; and have not set thee before them.  
 15 But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.  
 16 O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid.  
 17 Shew me a token for good; that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

#### **Psalms 91- protection,**

1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.  
 2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.  
 3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.  
 4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.  
 5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;  
 6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.  
 7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.  
 8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.  
 9 Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;  
 10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.  
 11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.  
 12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.  
 13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.  
 14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.  
 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.  
 16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

#### **Psalms 121 - security**

*1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.  
2 My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.  
3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.  
4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.  
5 The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.  
6 The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.  
7 The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.  
8 The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.*

**Psalms 50 - praise, peace**

*1 The mighty God, even the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.  
2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.  
3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.  
4 He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.  
5 Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.  
6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself. Selah.  
7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee: I am God, even thy God.  
8 I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings, to have been continually before me.  
9 I will take no bullock out of thy house, nor he goats out of thy folds.  
10 For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.  
11 I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine.  
12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.  
13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?  
14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:  
15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.  
16 But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth?  
17 Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee.  
18 When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers.  
19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit.  
20 Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mother's son.  
21 These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes.  
22 Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.  
23 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.*

**PEACE**

**John 14:27 Peace** I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

**John 16:33** *These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*

**II Timothy 1:7** - *For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*

*God is equipping us to live in this day. We are more equipped than we know. His Word is alive and real and we are counting on it.*

### ***Review of Rev 4 - last week.***

*Focus is on God. Shifts from church to God the Father. The rainbow is a circle around God the Father. The rainbow we see is an example of us not having the complete picture. The whole rainbow gives us a complete picture of Heaven/God. 24 elders - represent the church. The eyes are the intelligence and wisdom of God.*

### **Isaiah 11:2-3**

***2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;***

***3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:***

**The 7 spirits of God:** *Spirit of The LORD, spirit of wisdom, understanding, council, might, knowledge and fear of the Lord.*

*Shelbia finds that people don't have the blessed hope of eternity with God. She has a friend that does not believe we are living in our last days. She doesn't have this blessed hope - His word is true.*

*All the predictions for Jesus first coming came true. All the ones for the second coming are coming true. We can see them in our news and our world.*

*The people we come in contact with are unique from anyone else. Just tell them the word. We are not responsible to make them turn to Jesus, but we are responsible to tell them how to turn to Jesus.*

*Chapter 5 opens with the focus back to Jesus. When you read the book of Revelation, look for Jesus. The more you look for Him, the more you will see Him. If you keep your eyes focused on Jesus, you will see Revelation!*

Pastor Jeffress

Revelation, Chapter 5

*Every single day we live is preparing us for an epic finale. And this epic finale should change how we live today. For those who know Christ - the ending is only the beginning!*

### **WORTHY IS THE LAMB! Rev 5:1-14**

*Have you ever been to a pawn shop? If you haven't they can be very interesting places to visit. Somebody said a pawn shop is a place where a man can buy a diamond ring for his wife and a shot gun for himself. The word pawn actually means to hold something hostage. And that's really the business model of a pawn shop. Let's say you need some quick cash and you don't have any other place to go. You can take something valuable that you own and take it to the pawn shop and sign a promissory note that you will pay back the money you are going to get with a lot of interest. But to make sure you make good on your promissory note, the pawn shop owner is going to hold that something of value to you, until you repay the money you borrowed. He's going to hold that item hostage. He's going to take that shot gun or that diamond ring and hold onto it until you have paid back everything you owe. And if you're not able to pay back the money you owe, guess*

what? He gets to keep that shot gun or diamond ring. He can put it in his display window and sell it to someone else.

You're probably wondering, why are you talking about pawn shops. I thought this was the book of Revelation. Stay with me. You'll understand in a moment. The pawn shop is really a great spiritual illustration of what has happened to mankind. In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve had something of great value. A perfect relationship with God. They were heirs of everything God had created. It was a perfect world. And yet they took their perfect situation and they pawned it for a lie of satan. Satan tempted them with a lie that, you can be like God. You can be master of your own universe. And they exchanged what they had of value for something that was absolutely worthless. And because of that, they have become absolute hostages to satan. Not only Adam and Eve, but all of human kind. All of creation is now held by that evil pawn shop owner, satan. We can try to pay off the debt we owe satan, but we can never pay it off. We are his slaves. All of mankind has been held hostage by satan. But the good news is, even though we can't repay the debt, there's someone who can. His name is Jesus Christ. And when he came to the world and died on the cross, and take on the sin of the world, he paid the ultimate price for our spiritual freedom. And that's what the word redeemed means. You can search the scripture. You won't find pawn shops in the scripture. But you will find redemption. And its the same idea. The word redeem in Greek is the word goratzo. Agora was the marketplace where things were sold in Biblical times.

If you wanted to buy anything, including a slave, you went to the market place. And in the market place, the slaves were put up on a pedestal in chains and people bid on them. Men, women, children in slavery. The slave would be transferred from one owner to another owner who that was able to pay the price. And when a new owner took possession of the slave, he was redeemed. He was taken out of the Agora, to serve the new master. And that's a picture of what Jesus has done for us:

### **THE MEANING OF REDEMPTION**

Right now, if you are not a Christian, whether you know it or not, you are not your own. You are not free to do what you want to do. You are the slave of a terrible master, satan. You are under his imprisonment. But Jesus Christ has offered you freedom, not to serve yourself, but to serve Him. And when you trust in Jesus Christ as your savior, ownership of your life is transferred. From satan to the Lord Jesus Christ. And that's why the writer of scripture says you are not your own. You have been bought with a price. That's the meaning of redemption. Now what most Christians don't understand is, there are various aspects to our redemption.

#### **A. OUR PAST REDEMPTION**

That occurred 2000 years ago when Jesus paid that price on the cross. Peter mentions it in ***1 Peter 1:18-19 18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: (Know that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver and gold; but with the precious blood of christ, who was without blemish and without spot)***

Jesus paid the price for your redemption 2000 years ago. But the moment in time that you trust Jesus as your savior, your sin debt is paid in full. You are redeemed the moment you trusted Christ, even though the price was paid a long time ago. The moment you trust in Christ, that sacrificed of Christ is placed on your account. You receive his righteousness, you receive His forgiveness. That is our past redemption.

There is a sense in which there is a present redemption taking place. Even though your spirit now belongs to Christ and when you die you're gonna be with Him forever in Heaven. Right now there are other parts of you that are in the process of being redeemed, being transformed. Your mind, your will, your emotions. Some people think well 'If I am a Christian, I have immediate deliverance

of all my sins and all my addictions and healing of all my relationships". No, it doesn't happen instantaneously. It is a progressive process in which you become more and more like Jesus Christ every day. But there is a third redemption,

## **B. OUR FUTURE REDEMPTION**

Even though our spirits have been redeemed, we are in the process of becoming a new creation, we still carry around these old sin infected bodies. And we live in a sin infected world. And every day we confront sin and sadness and broken relationships. And we long to be saved from that. For there is time we are going to be redeemed in the future. And the final part of this universe is going to be delivered into God's possession. And that is what we are looking at today. The final event that is going to lead to our future and final redemption. The redemption that we all long for. That day ***Revelation 1:24 says In which there will be no more mourning or death or crying or pain for the first things will have passed away.*** Aren't you anxious for that? It is coming! That future redemption is coming!

And Jesus mentioned it in ***Luke 21:28 - And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. (Straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.)*** He was talking about the events of the great tribulation. And he said, when you see nations warring against nation, when you see pestilence, when you see suffering and persecution, don't be discouraged. ***Lift up your heads because these things signify the end is near and your redemption will be complete.*** That is the picture that we are going to see today.

If you have your Bibles, turn to Revelation 5. As we look at the events that will culminate in the final redemption of the universe. Now Revelation 5, the scene is in Heaven. We taught last week in Revelation 4 that the church is already in Heaven. And in chapter 4 the focus is on God the Father. And all of the redeemed worshipping Him for being the creator God. Now there is no chapter break in the original text. When we come to chapter 5, the focus is now on Jesus, the Son. And what He's going to do to bring about the final redemption of the world.

***Revelation 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.*** I saw a book. In the book of Revelation there are 4 different books mentioned.

1. **The Book of Life** - This book contains the names of all who are saved; who have been washed by the blood of the Lamb. And when you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, you can know that your name is in that book of life and it will never be erased. ***Revelation 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.***
2. **The Books of Works** - (this is a listing of all of our deeds we have done on earth - the good and the bad and the ugly. ) All of the things we have done are written and recorded by God; they're not forgotten. They are listed in the books. You say, well why would God keep a set of books for all of our deeds? Its to judge the unsaved by. ***Revelation 20:13 At the end of time, And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.*** (This says at the end of time all of the dead will be raised for judgment at the Great White Throne Judgement.) And the Bible says the Book of Life was opened; and the books were also opened. That's the books of works. An unsaved person will find himself at the judgment seat of Christ because his name won't be in The Book of Life. And that's by his own choice. The unsaved person is the one that will say, you know if Jesus died for me he shouldn't have gone to the trouble. I don't need Jesus to die for me. I don't need His forgiveness. I may not be perfect, but I'm good enough to get into Heaven. And so God says, ok, so you don't want to be judged by whether or not you accepted God's grace. We'll judge you by your works. And

every unsaved person who ever lived will be judged by the things he has done. And yes, they'll be good things he'll be remembered for, but the good will not outweigh the bad. And furthermore, the comparison will not be to other people. It will be to the Holiness of Jesus Christ. And by that standard all have fallen short of the Glory of God. That's the book of works that's mentioned in Revelation 20:13.

3. There is **The Little Book** - mentioned in Revelation 10. We'll see in the weeks ahead, a mighty angel gives a little book to John that records the final events before the return of Christ. But the book we are looking at today is
4. **The Seven-sealed book**. A book with 7 seals on it. That word 'book' is the word Biblion which could be a book with leaves or a scroll. When we think of a book, we think of individual pages that are bound together on the left hand side, and have a cover on the front and a cover at the back. But that wasn't what a book originally was. It was a scroll. Remember, people read scrolls before they read books. In fact, it was Christians who invented the book as we know it today. Did you know that? They were tired of unrolling these unwieldy scrolls they had to read the word of God, so they thought to divide up into little single individual sheets of the scroll; and to glue them together so it would make it easier to read the word of God. It was called Kodax's back then, but it was Christians that invented the book as we know it today. But in John's day there were scrolls. And you know how scrolls work. You have wooden handles on each end and you unroll it to read it and then you roll it back up again. It wasn't books that were in scrolls, it was also legal documents that were written on a scroll. And if it was a particularly sensitive document, say after a will was written, it would be rolled back up, rolled a little bit more, and a seal would be put on it. Then a little bit more and another seal and on and on and on. Wills had 7 seals attached to them. And so if you wanted to read the will, you'd have to break the first seal and read a little bit. Then break the second seal and read a little bit. And 3rd and 4th and 5th. All important documents were sealed. So what is this 7 sealed book that God the Father is holding as he sets on the throne? What is in that book? I've read all kinds of speculation about the contents of the book, but here's what I believe this book is. It is what was called:

II. **THE SEVEN SEALED BOOK OF REDEMPTION** - Let me explain this. Remember in the Old Testament, you were given a certain piece of land if you were a Jew. You and your family, According to your tribe, a part of the promised land belonged to you. But what happened if you fell on hard times? What if you needed some quick cash? Unfortunately, people would pawn their land. They would give it up in order to get the cash that they needed. But according to Jewish Law, the only person who could redeem that land was a fellow Jew. What was called a Kinsmen redeemer. The Goelle, a Kinsmen Redeemer. By the way, that's the background to the book of Ruth. Remember, Ruth and her mother in law, Naomi had both of their husbands die. The land had been forfeited and they were in desperate need and Boaz was the Goelle, the Kinsmen Redeemer who came and restored the inheritance to Ruth's and Naomi. I think this is what we're talking about here. If you forfeited your land, there was one book written called the book of Forfeiture. It listed all the grizzly details about what you did to lose your land. And it was embarrassing. You know today you can go down the courthouse and get embarrassing papers, like divorce papers, papers about tax delinquency, and read them about other people. Its an embarrassing thing. This was done to keep people from embarrassment. The forfeiture book would be sealed up where nobody could read it. But then there was a book of redemption. And that book of redemption would describe the terms of redeeming or buying back that which had been forfeited. And so you had 2 scrolls. The scroll of forfeiture and the scroll of redemption. Eventually, over time, those were put into one scroll. And on the inside was the



reason the land was lost and it was sealed up; and on the outside were the terms of redemption. Now I believe that is what the book of redemption is. It is a book (a scroll) that shows how this paradise that God created was originally lost. How it was forfeited to Satan. And the book contains the events that will lead to the reclamation of this universe by its rightful owner, God the Father. And I think when you find God holding the 7 sealed scroll, it shows the events that must take place for this universe, once and for all, to be delivered to its rightful owner, God the Father. That is the seven-sealed book or scroll that we're looking at here in verse one. Now notice in verse 2, the search for one to open the Book.

John says... **5:2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?**

Well duh. That seems pretty obvious. The one whose holding the book, right? God the Father! You don't need to search for anybody. God is right there holding the scroll. Why wouldn't he open it? For some inexplicable reason, God the Father has decided that he is not the one to bring about the final events that will culminate in the deliverance of this world from satan. He's designated someone else to do that and so a strong angel goes out and says 'who is worthy'? In verse 3; and no one in heaven or in the earth nor under the earth was able to open the book or even look into it.

**5:3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.** Then John says, I began to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open or read the book or look into it. Why would John start to cry over this book that remained sealed up? Remember, Jesus said, John, I'm going to show you the things which **MUST** take place. These events have to take place if the world is ever going to be delivered out of satan's ownership. And when it looked like there was nobody to open the book, it looked like the world would remain under satan's domain.

**5:4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.** Notice in verse 5, the Lion of Judah and the Root of David, and one of the elders said to me **5:5 'Stop weeping'!** Like Jesus said to Jarviouis, remember? Who lost his little girl in death? He was crying in consolably and Jesus said, Stop Crying Jarviouis! I'm about to do something great! Behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Room of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals. Who is he referring to when he talks about the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah? The Root of David from the Old Testament is a reference to Jesus, The Messiah.

**5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.**

**Isaiah 11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: 2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; 3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: 4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. 5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. 6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. 7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. 10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign**

of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious. 11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. 12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. 13 The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. 14 But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them. 15 And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dryshod. 16 And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

Jeremiah 23: 1 Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD. 2 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD. 3 And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. 4 And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD. 5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. 6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. 7 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; 8 But, The LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land. 9 Mine heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome, because of the LORD, and because of the words of his holiness. 10 For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourneth; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force is not right. 11 For both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD. 12 Wherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery ways in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein: for I will bring evil upon them, even the year of their visitation, saith the LORD. 13 And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and caused my people Israel to err. 14 I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah. 15 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land. 16 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Harken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD. 17 They say still unto them that despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have

peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you. 18 For who hath stood in the counsel of the LORD, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard it?

19 Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. 20 The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly. 21 I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. 22 But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings. 23 Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off?

24 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD. 25 I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. 26 How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart;

27 Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal. 28 The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD. 29 Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? 30 Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour.

31 Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that use their tongues, and say, He saith. 32 Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.

33 And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee, saying, What is the burden of the LORD? thou shalt then say unto them, What burden? I will even forsake you, saith the LORD. 34 And as for the prophet, and the priest, and the people, that shall say, The burden of the LORD, I will even punish that man and his house. 35 Thus shall ye say every one to his neighbour, and every one to his brother, What hath the LORD answered? and, What hath the LORD spoken? 36 And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more: for every man's word shall be his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God. 37 Thus shalt thou say to the prophet, What hath the LORD answered thee? and, What hath the LORD spoken? 38 But since ye say, The burden of the LORD; therefore thus saith the LORD; Because ye say this word, The burden of the LORD, and I have sent unto you, saying, Ye shall not say, The burden of the LORD; 39 Therefore, behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you, and I will forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, and cast you out of my presence: 40 And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.

All use those phrases to refer to the Messiah! John, don't despair he is saying, the Lion is on the prowl; and He's about to deliver this world. But when John looked, he saw something much different than a Lion.

*Revelation 5:6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.*

*7 And he (The lamb) came and took the book out of the right hand of him (God) that sat upon the throne.* You may wonder why do we sing about the Lamb so much? We sang about the Lamb this morning. 28 times in the book of Revelation, the word Lamb is used. Most of the time its the word

Amnos. Lamb. Its the same word John used when he saw Jesus for the first time. Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Its the same phrase Peter uses in

**I Peter 1:19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:** when he talks about our redemption being paid for with precious blood as of a Lamb unblemished and spotless - the Blood of Christ. Amnos - Lamb. But that's not the Greek word John uses here. He uses instead the word Arnion, for Lamb. That means a little Lamb. A Yew Lamb. A cuddly Lamb. The kind of Lamb you would take home as a pet. Its the same kind of Lamb talked about in

**Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.** Talking about Christ. He was oppressed and he was afflicted, yet he did not open His mouth like a little lamb led to the slaughter.

**Jeremiah 11:19 But I was like a lamb or an ox that is brought (led) to the slaughter; and I knew not that they had devised devices against me, saying, Let us destroy the tree with the fruit thereof, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered.** Like a gentle lamb, a little lamb, led to the slaughter. Why does John use Little Lamb? He's trying to show that innocence of the lamb who was slain for us. He's trying to show how helpless he was when he came the first time as our Savior. He willingly submitted himself to God the Father. He shed himself His rights as God in order to give himself as a sacrifice for our sins. And yet the gentle Lamb, notice what it says about Him. He has horns and eyes and seven spirits. To show though this wasn't any Lamb, He looked as though He had been slain. He bore the marks of a Lamb that had been slaughtered. He also had 7 horns. Horns in the Bible always refer to power.

**The 7 horns refer to Jesus' Omnipotence.** He is Almighty God!

**The 7 eyes refer to Jesus' Omniscience.** He is all knowing!

**Zechariah 4:10 says For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.** The eyes of the Lord go to and from throughout the whole earth.

**The 7 spirits represent the Holy Spirit of God.** He has all of God! They represent Jesus's omnipresence. Its an unusual picture here. Of an innocent lamb that was slain but also a mighty Lamb, a Ram, a Lion who is on the prowl to do God's will. And what did he do? Notice what he did in verse **5:7- And the Lamb came and He took the book out of the right hand of God who sat on the throne.** This represents a seismic transfer in the Universe! When God the Father takes this book containing the events that will bring about the end of the world and the return of Christ; and He hands this book of authority to Jesus the Lamb. You know whenever there is a major transfer of power, there is a response to that. This is a poor illustration, but if you've ever seen the inauguration of a new president what happens once he takes the oath of office and the power is transferred? There is a 21 gun salute; and a playing of hail to the chief. If you are in Great Britain and you see a transfer of power to a new monarch or new queen, the people shout out - God save the King. God save the Queen. Well, this is a transfer of power just like this. From God the Father to God the Son. You know there are a lot of people who have this idea about Jesus that He is just a cuddly little lamb who would never judge anybody. Have you ever heard people say, I don't think Jesus judges people. Well the first time Jesus came he came as that lamb. He came not to judge the world.

In fact in **John 3**, he said, **For the Son did not come into the world to judge, but that thru Him, the world might be saved.** But the second time He comes, He comes as that powerful Ram that Lion, to take possession of what is His. He comes to judge the world. In fact, in **Acts 17:31**, Paul says, **Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.** God the Father has fixed a day that he will judge the world and righteous thru a man whom He has appointed. And in case you don't know who that man is, He says, having furnished proof to all men, by raising this man from the dead. Jesus is coming to judge the world.

Paul said in **II Timothy 4:1-I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;**

1. Christ is coming to judge the living and the dead. This is the transfer of power from God the Father to Jesus the Lamb. And notice what happens in Heaven. The weeping of John is replaced by the worshipping of all of God's creation. And who is it that is worshipping the Jesus the Lamb? A. It is worshipping by the living creatures and church! The redeemed.

**Rev 5:8 And when he (Jesus) had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders (The church/The redeemed) fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.** The elders, the representatives of the church are carrying golden bowls of incense. What is that Incense? We don't have to wonder about it. John says they are the prayers of the saints.

Did you know in **Psalm 141:2 David tells us that our prayers are like pleasant Incense in the nostrils of God.** When we pray, we are not irritating God. When we pray, God doesn't turn up His nose. He doesn't hold His nose. When we pray, God welcomes our prayers. They are like sweet incense. And not only does He welcome our prayers, He remembers our prayers. The picture here is all our prayers have been collected into these bowls. God remembers our prayers and He will answer them in His way, in His time, according to His will. But the picture here is, God is collecting our prayers in this bowl and as we will see in the weeks ahead, these bowls are going to be emptied on the earth in the final days. The deepest longing we have in our heart; the things that we pray about the most - praying for a relationship that's been broken to be reconciled. Praying for a deliverance from temptation. Praying that some how, some way, we could see that loved one again that's gone on before us. All of those things are ultimately going to be answered. When the title deed of this world is transferred back into God's ownership, isn't that what we pray for when we pray the Lord's Prayer? Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as its being done in Heaven. That has been the prayer of God's people all thru the ages. And ultimately these prayers that are collected by God are going to be poured out on us and we are going to experience the answer. When the world is finally redeemed. That's what's going on here.

**Revelation 5:9-10:**

**9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.** They had the golden bowls full of incense and then it says, and they sang a new song, saying, 'Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. At that point they sang a new song. One that's never been sung before. Why? Because this song represents

something that's never happened before since creation! And that is this world, this universe is totally under the domain of God and sin has been eradicated forever! What will they say? ***"Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation". Verse 10: "You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth".***

Notice that their praise is joined by the angels in verses 11 and 12:

***11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; 12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.*** How many angels are there? We don't know. The word Miriam could mean at least 200 million. Can you imagine all the angels in Heaven as they praise God? They will say with a loud voice, ***"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches a nod wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."*** Its gonna be loud, not soft. I was reading that on December 2, 2013, a record was set - the loudest fans in the entire national football league. It happened that day when the Seattle Seahawks were playing the New Orleans Saints and at a moment in the game they got so excited and yelled in one voice and the sound registered 137.6 decibels. In comparison, the sound of a jet engine at DFS Airport outside registers 140 decibels. This was so loud that it caused a minor earthquake at the football stadium. This says the song is loud. Its gonna be loud in Heaven when these angels say in one voice. I promise not to chase this rabbit for very long. But I've got to say this. Every now and then I will hear people say 'oh Pastor, I just wish it could be quiet in church'. 'Why does everything have to be so loud?' 'I want to meditate when I come into church'. 'I just want to contemplate the goodness of God. I want things quiet'. If you want things quiet, go to the funeral home! I mean, hear some funeral music. You know, it will put you to sleep. You'll want to climb into the coffin right with your loved one. Right there at the funeral home. Listen, there's a time to be quiet and meditative before the Lord; that's when you are in private. But when we come together, and when we come together in Heaven there's not gonna be anything quiet. We are gonna shout with a loud voice. PRAISE THE LORD!!! WE ARE GONNA SING AT THE TOP OF OUR LUNGS!!!! AND THAT'S THE WAY IT AUGHT TO BE WHEN GODS PEOPLE COME TOGETHER!!! They are going to sing with a loud voice. WORTHY IS THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing." Each of those words has significant meaning. What we are praising and using the Lamb for....

#### **7 attributes of the lamb -**

- 1. Power - there is no plan or purpose that Jesus Christ cannot carry out!**
- 2. Riches- there is no promise that Jesus doesn't have the resources to fulfill!**
- 3. Wisdom- there is no problem that Jesus Christ cannot solve!**
- 4. Might- there are no powers of evil that Jesus cannot defeat!**
- 5. Honor - there are no princes that Jesus Christ does not rule above!**
- 6. Glory- there are no principalities that Jesus does not have Divine rights to!**
- 7. Blessing- there are no privileges that Jesus has not used in the service of others!**

I want you to notice how these 7 words are joined together. I came across a word I didn't know this week - polysyndeton. Do you know what a polysyndeton is? Its a figure of speech. A polysyndeton means to create a long list that seems exhaustive and extensive. Its a literary device to show how extensive something is. And that's what John does here when he talks about the attributes of Christ. Notice there are no comma's here. John didn't hear the angels and the redeemed saying 'worthy is the lamb who was slain to receive power, riches, wisdom, might. There are no comma's. Instead the conjunction and...and...and is used.' John says WORTHY IS THE LAMB OF GOD

WHO WAS SLAIN TO RECEIVE POWER AND RICHES AND MIGHT AND WISDOM AND HONOR AND GLORY AND BLESSING FOREVER AND EVER! That is Jesus Christ. There is no end to His resources to meet the needs that you have. That's what John saw in Heaven. And not only did he see the redeemed and all of the angels, but all of creation joined in that same praise.

Look at verse 13:

***5:13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.***

***14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him (God) that liveth for ever and ever.***

You know when we read verse 13, all of creation praising God, we understand those that are going to be in Heaven. Praise God when they see the authority transferred to the Son to bring about these final events that will lead to our complete redemption. We understand who the people in Heaven are. We understand those that are going to be on the earth prior to the great tribulation.

Those are the events that lead to the return of Christ. We understand how they are going to praise God, but who in the world are the people underneath the earth? Whose going to be praising God there? Right now if you are a Christian, your spirit is in Heaven with God. If you're dead, your spirit goes to be with the Lord. But the non-Christians who die, their spirits go into Hades. The waiting place of the dead for that final, great, white throne judgment.

***Psalms 6 says, 'In Hades there's no praise of God.' 'There's no mention of God, except perhaps, for this one time.'*** Maybe this is the one exception to that world. So seismic will be that event in Heaven when the title deed to this world, the Book of Redemption, is transferred from the Father to the Son. Maybe its going to be that for a brief moment the unsaved in Hell will look up and praise the Lord Jesus Christ. It will be too late, but they will recognize Him for who He is.

I think this maybe what Paul has in mind.

***Philippians 2: when he said, "For God will bestow upon him a name that is above every name. That every knee shall bow in heaven, on earth and under the earth; and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the Glory of God the Father."***

The thought of people in Hades praising God! ***Revelation 5:13 "Every creature that is on the earth and under the earth, and such as are in the sea and all that are in them, I heard them saying...."*** Satan hates God's people and their praise and worship. Satan is allowed to do what he does because of the disobedience in our world. The evil we see in the world is prevalence of diligent prayer. The people are in such bondage and the only thing that will bring it out is diligent prayer. God is handing this scroll over to Jesus Christ to deliver the judgments upon the world.

***Philippians 2:10 - 11 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;***

***11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.***

SHELbia's son and daughter in law were so conscious of Santa clause that they did not buy wrapping paper with Santa on it because it takes away from Baby Jesus.

Our culture is so intimidating that we MUST SPEAK UP!

The Kentucky Education Specialist in the state of Kentucky has brought a person in to assess the young school children. This person believes the school system needs to un-educate the children about religious education. Parents are very upset with this issue. The Supreme Court reversed this.

Shelbia reminded us that we are gathered to strengthen and encourage each other.

The Snapping of the American Mind- plans to reprogram Christians.

Sister Sharon states that the announcement was made today that children WILL be vaccinated before they start to school on the news. Several GOP Governors have banned a Vaccination Passport in their states.

There is a church in Park Hills that is developing curriculum for a Christian School so young children do not have to return to public education.

The Lord says, **Mark 16:18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.** The blood of Christ is not going to let it harm us.

Our culture shows us why we need to blood of Christ in our lives. The greatest deeds that we will be judged upon is our prayer life, our consecrated life and our worship of God. We have to be on top of these deeds!

Matt Hagee recently preached - Our job is winning the lost. Edward Kendal - 1850 in Detroit, Edward was a Sunday school teacher who had a 17 year old boy in class that had no interest in Jesus. He was a shoeshine boy, so Edward got a shoeshine and shared Jesus with him. It was D. L. Moody, who reached 100 million people. He reached F. B. Meyer in London. People in his church wanted Moody to come. Meyer wasn't happy about this. Meyer was very education; and Moody had a 5th grade education. Meyer wanted Moody to give 3 messages. He preached all 3...Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. The power of God fell, people got saved and Meyer wrote in his journal that he was insanely jealous. Two weeks later, Meyer was visiting his Sunday school participants and said he was teaching Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. Many were saved and there was great revivals. Johnny Appleseed (John Chapman) was one of these people. Many were saved in tent revivals. A big man took 2 boys and sat them in his and his wifes seat. They listened to Mordicai Hamm. One of those 2 boys saved was Billy Graham.

TRIGGER WORD - The power of God fell! This is whats going to draw people back to the church.

Sister Dawn has been listening to Robert Morris, who went to preach some place. A committee met with him and they wanted him to show them where in the Bible its written that God talks to you. He was drilled for 3-4 hours. He was asked 'how did you become a preacher?' He responded, God speaks to them.

Why has the power of God been taken out of our churches? The church has allowed the world to come in, there is a lack of knowledge, lack of obedience. All of this is out of the church - until it comes back into the people, the power of God cannot come in.

The church that Sister Donna listens to (Community Church out of Kentucky) Has manifest of God's power in every service. There is more fear in people to allow God to manifest in their lives than the fear in the world.

Sister Retha shared a story. A deadly snack bit a sheep last week. Anti venom is mostly made of sheep's blood. This blood destroyed the venom of the snack. Often snacks of this life will reach out and bite you. Christ's blood washes away the venom in your life. We don't have anything to worry about. We need to tell people about Christ. We don't have to win people. We have to give them the information they need about Christ. God woo's people - His spirit wins people, not us. God sends the Holy Spirit to convict people.

It all boils down that each of us have a job to do. We have to find out what God wants us to do and do it! We are the church!

Sister Sharon shared information about the masons. When reading the book, **false teachings** she has, the Shriners is the next level up from masons. Their little red hats are called the fez, is an example of the double meaning of the free mason facade. They are worn by the Shriner and carried to the grave, the history of the fez. In the early 8th century, Muslims overran the city of Fez, shouting and killing men, women and child. The Shriners use the altar of obligation, where the initiative



swears allegiance to this pagan god. A Shriners blood oath to Muslim is recorded. During the butchering of people in Fez, the Muslims tipped their hats to Allah. The Shriners wear the same hat today with an Islamic sword on front. The Fez is often worn by men who profess themselves to be Christians themselves. Ed Declare was a Mormon, but before he was a Mormon as a young man, he was a mason demolay. He's learned a lot about the mason's. He's currently president of Christian International. The Shriners give the appearance of being very giving. Shriners Hospital. The first Masonic teacher was Buddha. The King of the pit of hell - in the 17th degree of the Scottish Right are the knights of the east and west degree after the candidates have completed the initiation, they are given the secret password - Jabullum. The sacred word is Gavanon. The clue to the Masonic deity is Rev9:11, we learn that they, the demons and workers from hell have as king over them the angel of a ISS whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon. IN Greek its APOLION. Yabulum - is the short form of the Hebrew word, God; Baal; and lum- is the term used in Babylon. We 3 do meet and agree in peace, love and unity. The sacred word to keep and never indulge the same until we 3 do meet and agree. No royal arch mason can pronounce the sacred name by himself. What is represented as the god of masonry is the 3 headed monster so Blasphemous as to damn to soul of anyone who would pronounce his name in a ritual of worship. Even a lot of men who are masons don't know what the masons are really about. Shriners just think they are doing good. When you join the masons, you are suppose to be a good, upstanding person in order to get in the organization. When you get saved, you know you MUST get out of the masons! Masons who die are very deceived. A lot of these people don't even understand what the masons are about. Knights of Columbia is the Catholic version of Masons.

**Chip Ingram - Culture Shock** talks about Biblical things to say to someone who thinks they are gay.

**Claim the blood of Christ over people that think they are transgender. Take their pictures and pray the blood of Jesus over them!**

Heavenly Father, we praise you because you are the Almighty God - the only God. We lift our prequels to you and ask that you bless them. Thank you for your word to us and for each lady that is here today. As we leave this place, we ask for your holy presence to go on us and keep us focused on what you intend for us to do. In Jesus Name, Amen.