

# WORTHY ART THOU

#34, Hymns for Worship



# Introduction

- A song addressing the worthiness of our Lord.
- Written by Tillit S. Teddlie (1885-1987), a gospel preacher, hymnal publisher and singing instructor.
- He composed and/or wrote about 130 songs many that we sing from time to time, including:
  - Heaven Holds All to Me, True Worship, Singing Redemption's Song, Into our Hands, When we Meet in Sweet Communion (The Lord's Supper), etc.

# Introduction

- Our song is based upon **Revelation 5:9-14**
- We find the throne of God in heaven and the glorious worship surrounding His throne.
- In His right hand is a scroll with 7 seals. None were found worthy to open the scroll. Then there stood a Lamb who looked as if He had been slain. He took the scroll from God. Angels, creatures and elders fell before Him and worshipped, praising Him in song and words.
- Our focus is on the declaration of His worthiness

## Vs. 1 – Jesus IS worthy of praise

- He is worthy! He is deserving of the described qualities. Having high worth and value.
- Why? Consider all that He has done for us.  
**Philippians 2:5-8**
- What we give to Him is not a waste. In fact, it is inadequate or minimal compared to His gift  
(**cf. 2 Corinthians 9:15**)
- He is being worshipped – He is worthy!  
He is God - **Titus 2:13, Hebrews 1:8, Philippians 2:6, etc.**

## Vs. 1 – Jesus IS worthy of praise

- *Worthy of praise is Christ our Redeemer*
- We do praise Him - **Philippians 2:9-11**
- Consider our text – **Revelation 5**
- He is our Redeemer –  
**Ephesians 1:7, Titus 2:14**

## Vs. 1 – Jesus IS worthy of praise

- *Worthy of glory, honor and power*
- Glory – to be magnified, given highest honors.
- Honor – to exalt and highly recognize
- Power – His authority – **Matthew 28:18, Philippians 2:9-11, Romans 1:4**
- **John 5:22-24** – granted by God to be honored
- **1 Timothy 1:17**, *Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.*

## Vs. 1 – Jesus IS worthy of praise

- *Worthy of all our souls' adoration*
- To adore is to worship and hold in high admiration
- With our soul – our inner being.  
Our worship and serve must be from the heart –  
**Matthew 5:8, Hebrews 10:22**
- Even as God has “highly exalted Him”, we ought to lift Him up in our lives - **Philippians 2:9-11**
- Let it be in everything, cf. **1 Thessalonians 5:18, Colossians 3:23, 1 Corinthians 10:31**

## Vs. 1 – Jesus IS worthy of praise

- *Worthy art Thou, Worthy art Thou*
- The theme. If all verses w/chorus are sung, mentioned 24 times.  
Repetition can intensify a statement.



## Vs. 2 – Let ALL praise Him

- *Lift up your voice in praise and devotion*
- Again, consider **Philippians 2:9-11**
- Devotion – dedication, selfless affection and loyalty – toward Jesus
- We belong to Him – **Colossians 3:1-3, cf. Philippians 1:21, Romans 12:1-2**
- We do this openly - **Romans 1:16, Matthew 5:14-16**

## Vs. 2 – Let ALL praise Him

- *Saints of all earth before Him should bow*
- Saints – the saved, or “sanctified ones” –  
**cf. Romans 1:7, Philippians 1:1**
- We will ALL bow before Him –  
**Philippians 2:10-11**  
Will we willingly bow now – as saints, or will it be  
in judgment when it is too late?
- **Ephesians 3:14** – bow before Him like Paul

## Vs. 2 — Let ALL praise Him

- *Angels in heaven worship Him saying... Worthy are Thou*
- Our text in **Revelation 5:11-13**
- Angels are an example of all praising Him.  
They bow before Him - **cf. Hebrews 1:6**
- If angels bow before Him, how much more should we? **Cf. Revelation 22:8-9**  
NOTE: This strengthens the point that Jesus IS God (deity)

## Vs. 3 — Praise Him in song

- *Lord, may we come before Thee with singing*
- **Colossians 3:16**, singing with grace to the Lord
- Our singing ought to be joyful  
**cf. James 5:13.**
- If we are giving our best, it will be evident. As we sing, do we act as if it is important (or a chore)?  
**Cf. 1 Corinthians 14:15, Hebrews 2:12**
- **Revelation 15:3.** NOTE: While in a heavenly realm, notice their victorious praise

## Vs. 3 – Praise Him in song

- *Filled with they Spirit, wisdom and power*
- His Spirit dwells within us (as does the Father – **John 14:23, 1 John 4:15**; Holy Spirit – **Romans 8:9-11, 2 Timothy 1:14**; His word – **Colossians 3:16**; Faith – **2 Timothy 1:5**, etc.).
- His influence must govern our lives – **Ephesians 3:17, Philippians 2:5, Colossians 3:16**
- Wisdom – His teachings – **Psalms 1:1-2, 1 John 2:24, Colossians 1:9-11**
- Power – His authority – **Colossians 3:17, Matthew 28:18**

## Vs. 3 — Praise Him in song

- *May we ascribe Thee glory and honor – worthy art Thou*
- Will we OPENLY profess Him – **Matthew 10:32-33, Mark 8:38, 1 Peter 3:15**

# Chorus — More of His worthiness

- *Worthy of riches*
- What He offers is of indescribable worth.

**2 Corinthians 8:9, 9:15**

While we can never repay Him, we can and **MUST** give Him our best!

# Chorus – More of His worthiness

- *Blessing and honor*
  - To bless Him is to honor Him
  - *Worthy of wisdom, glory and power*
  - *Worthy of earth and heaven's thanksgiving*
- Colossians 1:17** - All things consist in Him  
In a sense, all creation praises and bows before Him – **Revelation 5:13,**  
**Romans 1:20, see Psalm 19:1-2,**  
**Psalm 148**



We sing many songs of praise to God &  
Jesus.

This song reminds us why we do this —  
He is worthy!

**He is worthy to be obeyed!**

Does your life show His worthiness?

Let us pray!

