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Revelation 4:1-11

The scene in today's passage gives us a glimpse of a holy God who is worthy of mankind's worship. He's perfectly pure in His thoughts, motives, choices, and actions, and His holiness is also revealed in His separateness from all evil and transgression. Since God cannot tolerate or ignore sin, every wrong must be punished—with the penalty paid either by the offender or by an adequate substitute. And Jesus Christ is the fully sufficient substitute who paid what every one of us owed. What's more, He's the only one who can reconcile sinful mankind to God.

The Son of God took on human flesh and lived a sinless life. Then, as 1 Peter 2:24 (NIV) tells us, Jesus "bore our sins in his body on the cross" to pay the penalty of divine wrath. His resurrection is the proof that the sacrifice was acceptable to His heavenly Father. All who trust in Christ as their substitute are reconciled to God, but those who reject the Savior must themselves bear God's wrath for their sin.

If we'll acknowledge our unworthiness, confess our sins, and trust in Christ and His sacrifice on our behalf, our sins will be forgiven. The Judge of all humanity declares us not guilty. What's more, He also credits us with Christ's righteousness. And someday we'll join the saints in heaven praising our gracious, holy God.

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