
Is He Worthy

Scripture Companion | CeCe Winans

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth
and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!”
— Revelation 5:12 (NIV)

These scriptures accompany the worship song *Is He Worthy* by CeCe Winans. Rooted deeply in the book of Revelation, the song takes us into the throne room of heaven and invites us to join the chorus of all creation. Use this guide for personal devotion, small group study, or worship preparation.

THE WORLD IS BROKEN — BUT THE LIGHT GETS THROUGH

Romans 8:22 (NIV)

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.
The world's brokenness is not a crisis of faith — it is an expected reality in the biblical story.

John 1:5 (NIV)

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
All the dark won't stop the light from getting through — darkness has tried and failed.

Revelation 21:5 (NIV)

He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!'
The wish to see it all made new is not naive fantasy — it is God's own declared intention.

CREATION GROANING — NEW CREATION COMING

Romans 8:22-23 (NIV)

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.
The groaning is not hopeless — it is the pain that precedes birth. Something new is coming.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!
New creation begins personally in Christ, and will be completed cosmically at His return.

Revelation 21:1 (NIV)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.
The new creation is the ultimate destiny of the entire universe.

THE GLORY OF GOD — THE LIGHT WITHIN OUR MIDST

Revelation 21:23 (NIV)

The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

God Himself will be the light of the renewed creation — the Lamb its eternal lamp.

Isaiah 60:19 (NIV)

The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

Prophesied centuries before Revelation — God as everlasting light is the fulfillment of Isaiah's vision.

Psalms 103:2 (NIV)

Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

It is good to remind ourselves of this — remembrance is a spiritual discipline.

IS ANYONE WORTHY — THE SCROLL AND THE LAMB

Revelation 5:2-5 (NIV)

And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?' But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it... Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.'

The dramatic heart of the song — no one was found worthy, until the Lion who is the Lamb stepped forward.

Revelation 5:6 (NIV)

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the centre of the throne.

One of Scripture's most stunning reversals — the expected conquering Lion appears as a slaughtered Lamb.

1 Peter 1:18-19 (NIV)

You were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors... with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

The Lamb who died to ransom the slave — redemption purchased at the highest possible price.

THE TITLES OF CHRIST

Genesis 49:9-10 (NIV)

You are a lion's cub, Judah... The sceptre will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come.

The Lion of Judah — the Messianic promise rooted in the very first book of the Bible.

Revelation 22:16 (NIV)

I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.

Jesus declares His own identity — David's Root and Offspring, the fulfilment of every promise.

Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Every title points to the One who alone is worthy to open the scroll.

WORTHY OF ALL BLESSING, HONOUR AND GLORY

Revelation 5:12-13 (NIV)

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise! Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: 'To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour and glory and power, for ever and ever!'

The chorus of the song is the chorus of heaven — every creature joining the declaration.

Philippians 2:10-11 (NIV)

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Every voice will join this chorus — it is the ultimate destination of all history.

Psalms 145:3 (NIV)

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

Worthiness is not something Jesus achieved — it is something He eternally is.

THE FATHER'S LOVE, THE SPIRIT'S PRESENCE, THE SON'S HOLD

Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)

Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Does the Father truly love us? He does — with a love nothing in all creation can sever.

John 10:28-29 (NIV)

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

Doubly secured — held in the hand of the Son and the hand of the Father. Forever.

Revelation 21:3 (NIV)

Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

Does God intend to dwell with us again? He does — this is the culmination of all redemptive history.

A KINGDOM AND PRIESTS — FROM EVERY NATION

Revelation 5:9-10 (NIV)

You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.

The bridge of the song — every nation, every tongue, made into a royal priesthood by the Lamb.

Galatians 3:28 (NIV)

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

The kingdom of God is the most diverse community in existence, unified by the blood of the Lamb.

1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

We are not passive recipients of salvation — we are active participants in the reign of the Son.

Join the song. Heaven has been singing it since before time began. He is worthy. He is.

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