

Revelation - Commentaries by Paul J. Pascoe

CareLines: Volume 2, Spirit-Filled (1:10)

REV 1:10

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice.

Rev. 1:10

That's a good state to be in on the Lord's day - in the Spirit: enjoying the Lord; thinking about Him; considering His love and immense sacrifice at Calvary's cross. You may not hear a great voice behind you (unless you happen to be in someone's way!) but you can certainly hear the "still, small voice" that Elijah heard, in your heart, ministering to you good things about Jesus and His love. Enjoy Jesus today. Be in the Spirit.

CareLines: Volume 3, Future, The (1:1)

DECEMBER 28

The revelation of Jesus Christ . . . to show unto His servants things . . .

Revelation 1:1

Those of us who have trusted in Jesus as our Saviour are His servants. And as such He likes to tell us what's going to happen in the future. God is faithful and hasn't withheld secrets from us. We know what the future holds. We know that we have passed from death to life. We know that we have a home reserved in heaven. And it's so good to know the One who holds the future in His hands.

CareLines: Volume 3, Judgment (20:12)

OCTOBER 22

And I saw the dead . . . stand before God . . . and the dead were judged.

Revelation 20:12

This is the final judgment. This is the end of the life of a person who didn't believe in Jesus. He'll believe then. Standing before the great white throne he will have to bow the knee to Jesus and proclaim Him as Lord. But what an awful end - cast out of God's presence forever. "Depart from me ye cursed" will be the last words that the unbeliever will hear. Don't be one of them. Accept Jesus as your Saviour today.

CareLines: Volume 2, Tears (21:4)

REV 21:4

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying.

Rev. 21:4

You may be going through some really tough times. Maybe you have lost a close friend or family member, or suffered a terrible setback. Remember today's verse and receive hope from it. God can use these hard times in our lives to make us stronger, to give us a more heavenly mindset, and to deepen our experiencing of HIS love. He is right beside you. Ask Him to help you realize it. Jesus is coming soon.

CareLines: Volume 3, Pearls (21:21)

APRIL 15

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

Revelation 21:21

It is significant that the gates are of pearl. The pearl is the only adornment that is perfect just as it is found. Gold and silver must be refined and shaped; gems must be cut and polished. You and I will never be more fit to enter the presence of the Lord than we were the day we were saved. There is nothing that man can add to improve on salvation! Most who wear pearls enjoy their beauty but don't remember that the pearl is the fruit of suffering in the oyster. Let us not forget the suffering of our Lord who opened the gate of salvation for us.

CareLines: Volume 3, New (21:1)

AUGUST 14

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth.

Revelation 21:1

This is still future. Did you ever wonder why God has to make a new heaven and earth? I'm sure it's because man has so ruined everything which God made perfect in the beginning that the only way to fix things up and eradicate all the effects of sin is to start over. Even when we became Christians God did not patch up the old. No, He gave us a brand new life - one that cannot and will not ever sin.

CareLines: Volume 7, New (21:1)

I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away.

Revelation 21:1

What a wonderful prospect! This poor old, worn-out world will be replaced with a brand new one. God won't keep what man has ruined but will create something entirely new where pollution and sin will never come. Praise God for His plan for the eternal blessing of all those who have trusted in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

CareLines: Volume 7, Fellowship (3:20)

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock.

Revelation 3:20

Again we have another clear example that the Lord Jesus does not force Himself on us. But He longs for our fellowship and when we get too busy or too proud for Him, He is still to be found knocking at our heart's door wanting in. Why doesn't He just come in anyway? Because He wants us to want Him. Only then can we have true fellowship.

CareLines: Volume 2, Lord's Pleasure, The: 1 (4:11)

REV 4:11

Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.

Rev. 4:11

The world was not created in vain. The Lord created everything for His pleasure. If you study the birds, or the animals at the zoo, or the flowers, you see incredible beauty; the perfect feather formation and coloring - identical in each family; the beautiful patterns on the coats of some of the animals. It is a pleasure for us to look at these things and enjoy them. But the Lord created them for His own pleasure. When He had finished each day's work in creation He saw that it was "good".

CareLines: Volume 3, Worship (4:10-11)

OCTOBER 25

The four and twenty elders fall down . . . and worship . . . saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord.

Revelation 4:10,11

Heaven will be filled with spontaneous worship scenes like this one. Every tongue will give honor to the Lamb. He is worthy. And it is a great privilege to be able to worship Him now, while we wait for His return. How pleasing it is for the Lord Jesus to see His own falling down in worship, and praising Him with, "Thou art worthy, O Lord." Are you going to be doing that today?

CareLines: Volume 7, Creation (4:11)

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.

Revelation 4:11

Though the sin of man has corrupted and polluted all of creation, yet we must remember that creation with all its creatures still exists for the pleasure of God and the good of man. As Christians, we need to be sensitive to the beauty that is still in creation and at the same time use the world's resources wisely as good stewards of God's handiwork. God will one day reward His people for being good stewards and He will also "destroy them which destroy the earth" (Rev. 11:18).

CareLines: Volume 3, Worship (5:9)

SEPTEMBER 13

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy.

Revelation 5:9

If you picked up some fragments we talked about on September 10th, you'll be better equipped to worship today. Yes, Jesus is indeed worthy of our praise and worship. And our hearts can bow in adoration before Him today as we take time to remember Jesus in His death at Calvary. Heaven will be filled with singing, but we can start heaven's song now and join together in the worship of the only Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, the One who gave His life on the cross.

CareLines: Volume 3, Worship (5:14)

SEPTEMBER 20

And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped Him that liveth for ever and ever.

Revelation 5:14

In Revelation, the twenty-four elders are a picture of all of the redeemed - the Church, Christ's body, as well as all who had faith in Old Testament times. We see the Church then falling down in worship at the feet of the Lord Jesus Christ. We can start practicing now. Today is a good day to worship the Lord. It was He who died on Calvary to redeem us from hell and make us fit for heaven. He is surely worthy of all our worship.

CareLines: Volume 7, Worthy (5:2,4,9)

REV 5:4

REV 5:9

Who is worthy . . . ? No man was found worthy. . . . Thou art worthy.

Revelation 5:2, 4, 9

How dejected were those in heaven because no man was found worthy to open the sealed book. John weeps at the proclamation. And then the good news - there is someone who is worthy, more worthy than all of creation. Who is this One? The Lamb of God who conquered the power of Satan when He rose from the dead. He alone is worthy.