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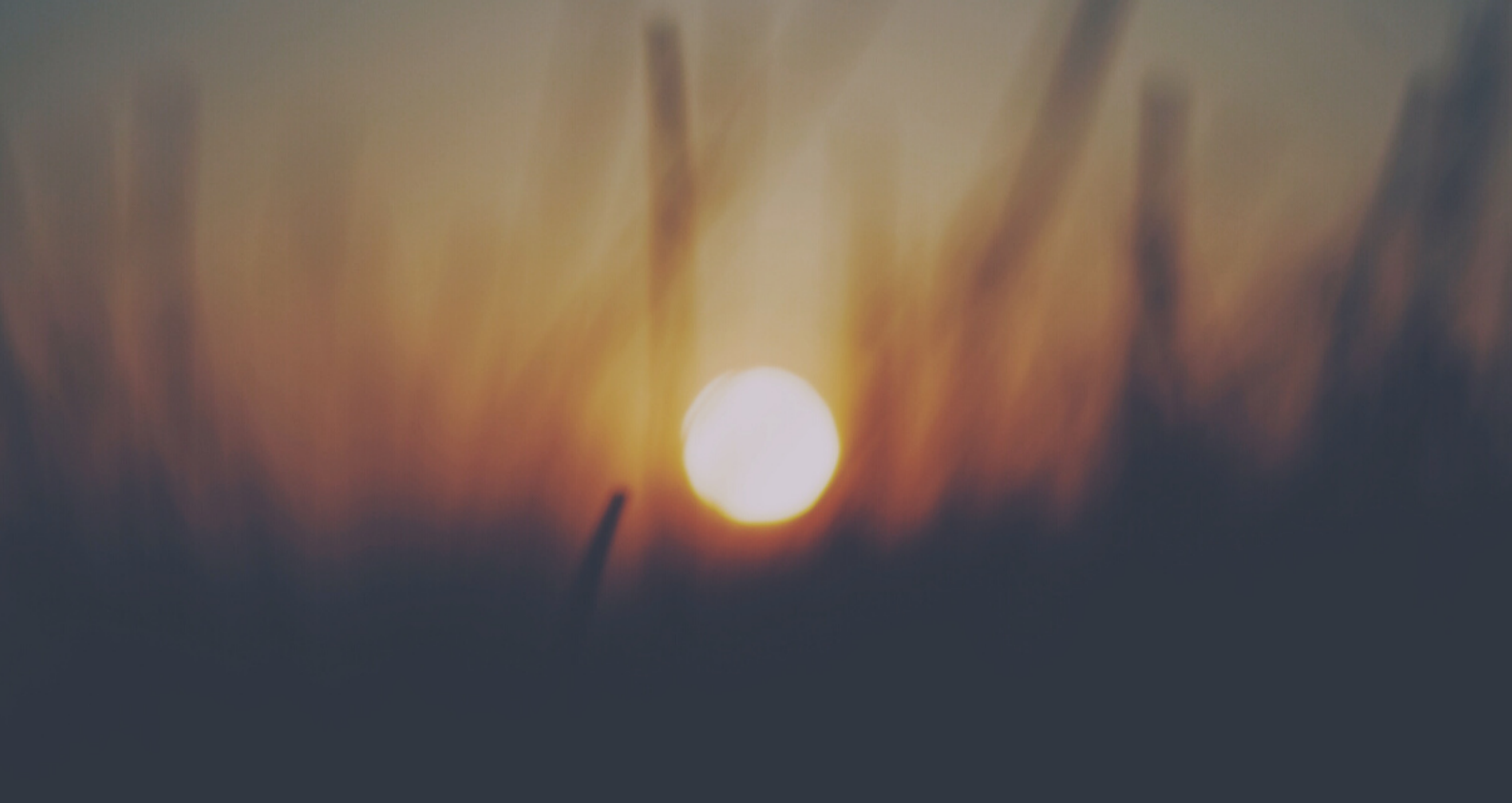
REVELATION 5

(PART II)

THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S
GOVERNMENTAL CENTRE



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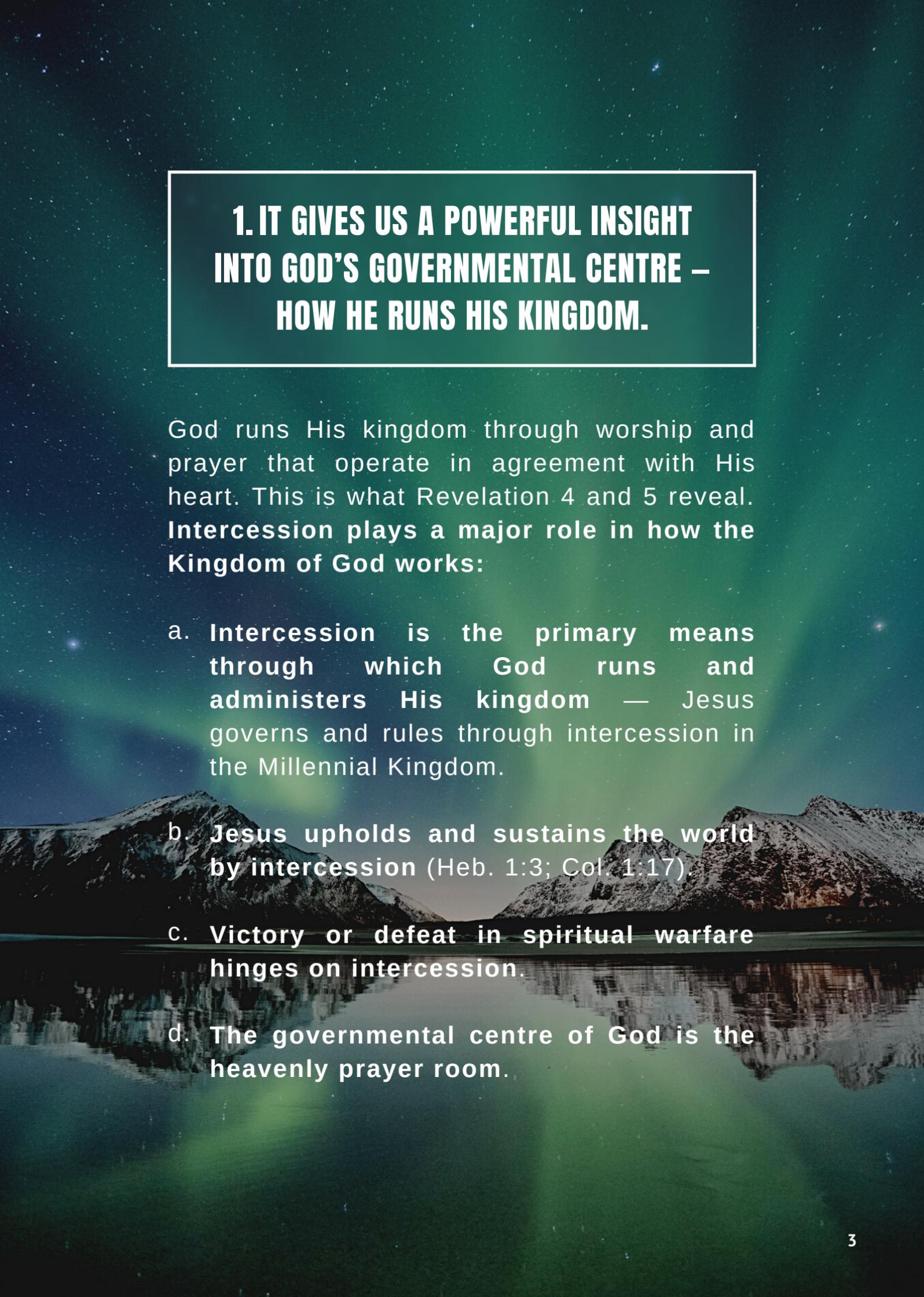


Have you ever wondered, how does God run His kingdom?

How does Jesus govern during the Millennial Kingdom?

In Part I of the study of Revelation 5, we have **beheld the beauty and worthiness of Jesus as the Ultimate Leader over mankind and the earth** (Rev. 5:1-7). Today, we will take a peek into **God's governmental centre in Revelation 5** and see how He runs His kingdom.

Revelation 5:8-14 gives us two powerful insights:



**1. IT GIVES US A POWERFUL INSIGHT
INTO GOD'S GOVERNMENTAL CENTRE —
HOW HE RUNS HIS KINGDOM.**

God runs His kingdom through worship and prayer that operate in agreement with His heart. This is what Revelation 4 and 5 reveal. **Intercession plays a major role in how the Kingdom of God works:**

- a. **Intercession is the primary means through which God runs and administers His kingdom — Jesus governs and rules through intercession in the Millennial Kingdom.**
- b. **Jesus upholds and sustains the world by intercession (Heb. 1:3; Col. 1:17).**
- c. **Victory or defeat in spiritual warfare hinges on intercession.**
- d. **The governmental centre of God is the heavenly prayer room.**

THE BEAUTY AND MYSTERY OF INTERCESSION IS THIS:


Intercession is the primary means through which God releases His power, authority, life and His reign unto the earth.

In other words, God **divinely chooses to work through the prayers of His saints** — Without God, we cannot. Without us, God will not.

Revelation 5:8 gives us a vital hint of **how the seals will be released** — it is the **prayers of all the End-Time saints which are in agreement with God's heart and in unity with one another** that will ultimately lead to Jesus opening the seals (Matt. 18:19).

And when will the seals be released? — When the golden bowls are filled to the full with the prayers of the saints (Rev. 5:8)!





|| Jesus, the second Person of the Holy Trinity, operates in the principle of intercession.

Jesus Himself is the Chief Intercessor who intercedes for us night and day (Heb. 7:25; Rom. 8:34). He is the Word of God; He spoke and the world was created (Jn. 1:1-3; Gen. 1:1-3). He upholds and governs the created world through intercession.

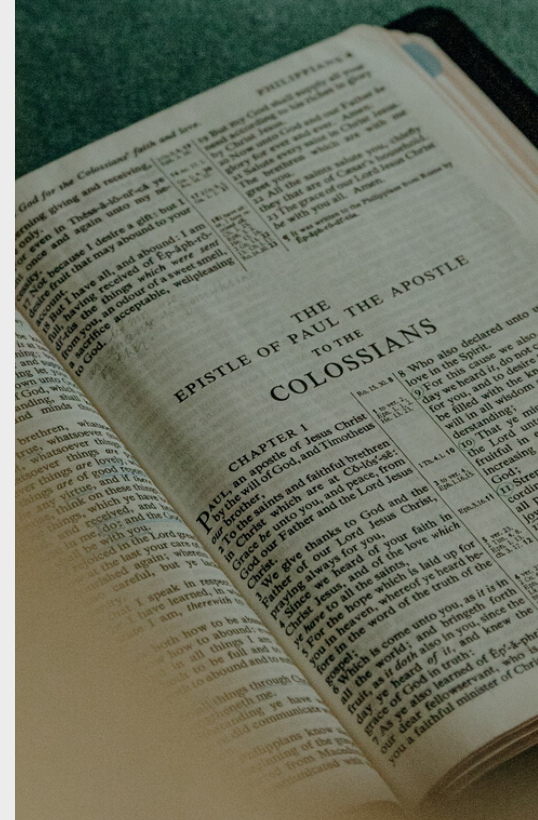
Think about it, if Jesus Himself, who is the Son of God, has to pray and intercede, then how much more His people!

III God chooses to use the simplicity of Intercession to partner with His people.

Intercession is “us telling God what He tells us to tell Him”. It is so simple that it may seem “foolish” to many. And it requires us to respond in humility.

You see, God is no respecter of persons. He chooses the foolish things of this world to shame the wise (1 Cor. 1:27). He chooses to use the simplicity of prayers so that He can partner with weak people like you and me.

The fact that an **all-knowing, all-powerful and all-wise God** chooses to use **simple prayers of weak men** to shift boundaries, move mountains and establish His kingdom here on earth, itself is a great mystery!





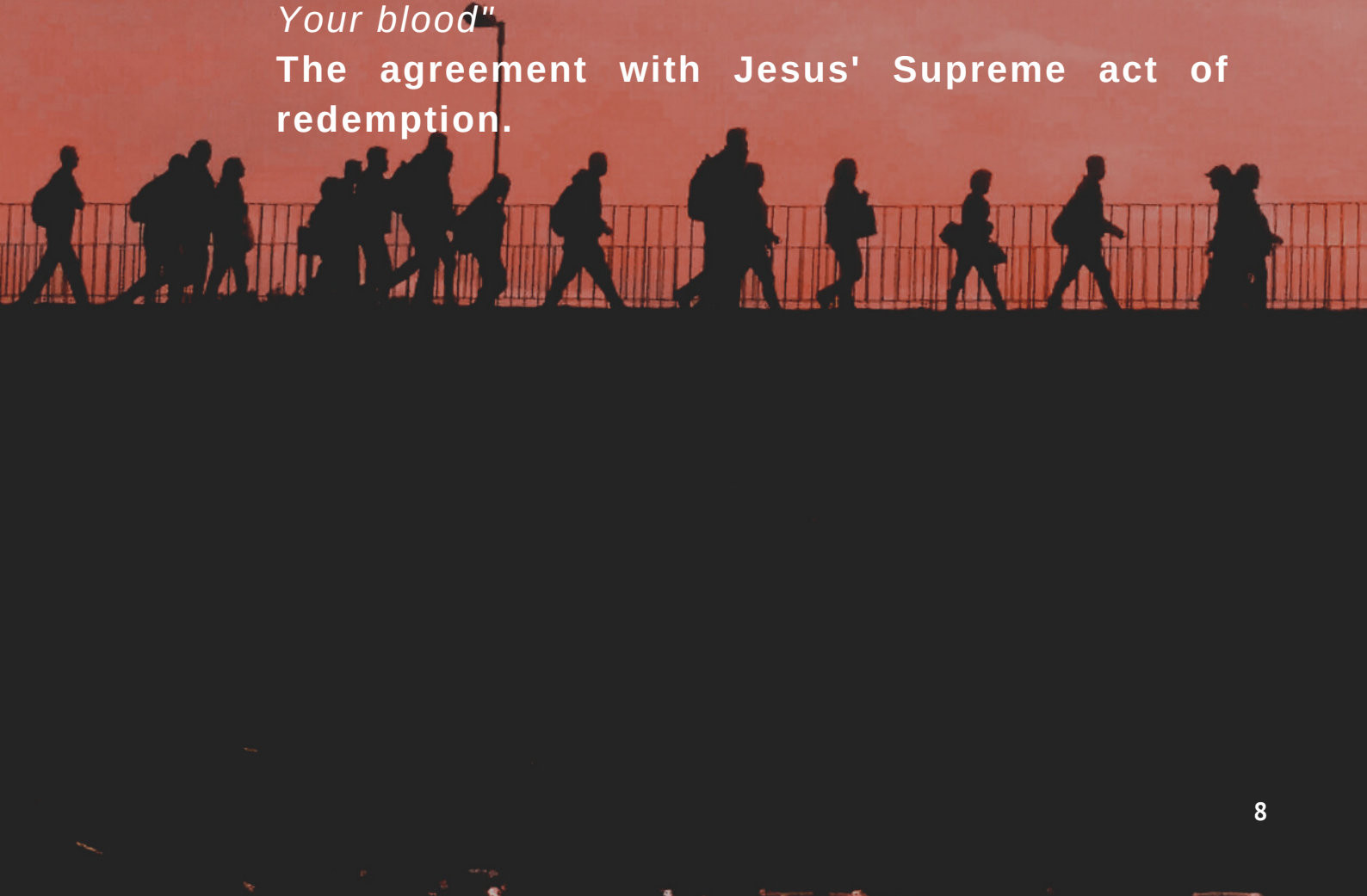
**2. VERSES 8 TO 14 ALSO GIVES US
A POWERFUL INSIGHT INTO THE HEAVENLY
PRAYER ROOM – A HEAVENLY MODEL OF HOW
PRAYER MEETINGS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED.**

Revelation 4 and 5 show us the Biblical pattern of how prayer meetings are to be conducted — it is in a responsive, antiphonal manner of intercessory worship, where worship, prayer and prophetic merge seamlessly in one flow before the throne of God.

Verses 9 to 14 gives us two main prayer agendas on God's heart:

1. Verses 9 and 10 speak about the agreement with the worthiness of Jesus' leadership of the earth and with His authority to administer His plans. It includes agreement with six aspects of His plans:

- a. *Verse 9a — "You are worthy to take the scroll"*
The agreement with Jesus' leadership over mankind and the earth.
- b. *Verse 9b — "And to open its seals"*
The agreement with Jesus in releasing the judgments of God.
- c. *Verse 9c — "And have redeemed us to God by Your blood"*
The agreement with Jesus' Supreme act of redemption.



d. Verse 9d — *"Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation"*

The agreement with God's heart for the preaching of the Gospel to the ends of the earth and the fullness of salvation

e. Verse 10a — *"And have made us kings and priests to our God"*

The agreement with God's heart in raising up the mature Bride of Christ to partner with Jesus

f. Verse 10b — *"And we shall reign on the earth"* Agreement with God's heart concerning the establishment of God's kingdom here on earth.





2. Verses 12 and 13 are our agreement with Jesus' leadership over seven spheres in this age and in the Age-to-come:

a. Power – Political realm

Jesus will receive governmental leadership over all the nations.

b. Riches – Finance, economy and wealth

This is the fulfilment of Haggai 2:8 at the End of the Age where all riches and wealth will be given to Jesus.

c. Wisdom

We agree with the wisdom of Jesus to administer God's plan in the Millennial Kingdom.

d. Strength

We agree with the Father for all strength to be endued unto Jesus. We agree that Jesus has the strength to contend and bring down every resistance that comes against Him.

e. Honour

Honour is about esteeming a person. Nations will honour and love Jesus as their leader.


f. Glory

In Habakkuk 2:14, we see Jesus releasing the fullness of the glory of God unto all the earth.

g. Blessings

This is about nations honouring Jesus by cooperating with His leadership in the Age-to-come.



A photograph of a sunburst effect through trees, with rays of light shining through the foliage. The scene is set in a field of tall grass and trees, with a house visible in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.

Having seen the beauty of
God's governmental centre and
understood how Jesus runs His
kingdom...

How should we respond?

May we be the ones who will
faithfully stand before the
throne of God, contending for
and releasing His End-Time
plans and glory unto the earth
in such a time as this!



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