

OUR CREATOR IS OUR SAVIOR - Rv 4:11

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INTRODUCTION

1. Rev 4 - transcendent: heaven, court/throne-room of God: 4:9-11
2. Rv5 - stay in same setting. The God who is worshiped as the Creator in Rv4 is the God who is our Savior.

1st: The Creator is the True God

1. Craig Carter: "the most powerful & revolutionary sentence in the history of world literature." Gn 1:1. *Ex nihilo*: out of nothg. Ps 33:9; Jn 1:1-3. The Word of God brought all thgs into existence.
 - i. Gn 1:2 Word of God shaped & filled -> Sabbath Rest.
 - ii. Why so long? For benefit of Adam as to how to image God. Give order to earth & transform creation into God's temple.
2. Gn 1:2 is *good* [1:31 *very good*].
3. Speculation: what did Adam think re: *death* [2:16-17]?. If death = collapse of order, severance of living unities, then chaos of 1:2 comes into view.
 - i. 3:19 body returns to dust - reverses order of creation
 - ii. Judgment = reverse order of creation - Zeph 1:2-3
4. After the Fall, judgment of death = reversal of order of creation & we look at Gn 1:2 & see what looks like death!? If so, creation depicts salvation!
5. God as Creator - distinguished from false gods. 1Chr 16:23-26
6. Last study: God's being is transcendent above heaven & earth - 1Kg 8:27.
7. Consider God's rlnshp to Gn 1:2's chaos as distnct from false gods. Demonic gods say "in the beginining, chaos." Eternal matter; conflict; techniques to harness power of nature.
8. The power to create is analogous to the power to save: raise the dead.

2nd: The Creator is the Savior of His People

1. The Creator comes to save the sons of Ab & defeats all competing gods.
2. Ps 95:1-7a
3. Ps 96

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4. Ps 97
5. Creation & deliverance of Israel show power of God who raises dead.

3rd: Our Creator and Savior is Our Resurrected Lord Jesus Christ

1. The incarnation of the Son of God - Creator of life!
2. Jesus' miracles = miniature resurrections - His own death & resurrection.
3. Col 1:13-18 Creator thru salvation reconciles fallen creation.
4. Eph 2:1-7 our opponents are 1] created; 2] defeated
5. It makes perfect bib'al sense that our Creator is our Savior - A26:8; Lk 1:37
6. Rm 4:17 *GOD* - gives life to dead; *GOD* - created ex nihilo. We who have faith of Ab, are the promised descendents of Ab - resurrected Isaacs [Gal 3:39, 26]. Life evidenced by faith - expressed in worship.
7. Rv 4:11 & 5:12.

Applic #1: We Must Worship God as Our Creator and Savior

1. Can I believe in Jesus as Savior but not in God as Creator?
2. Thee work of salvation is analogous to work of creation - Rm 4:17. A take on A 26:8 Why is it considered incredible among you people if God does create ex nihilo?
3. Rv 4:11 & 5:12 = same scene, same worshipers: same God: Creator/Savior