

work, certainly there is no excuse for neglecting these two chapters. Now we come then to chapters 4 and 5, and they are pictures of a scene in heaven, they are pictures of a tremendous scene, people are gathered around the throne of God, and there gathered around that throne, you find these people gathered and praising God and you find one great note for which they praise Him in chapter 4, and that is for His creative activity, chapter 4.11, and thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power, for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. What a statement. What a blessing any one of us can get from that statement. God's creative power, what it means to me, what it means to this world, what it should mean to my life if He made me, should not my life be as He wants it to be, should not I consecrate it all to Him, what a tremendous presentation of a great truth that underlies our whole understanding of our life. God's creative power and the purpose for which everything has come into existence. Yet, you know, I think chapter 5 brings out a very necessary supplement, to chapter 4. I'd like to take an hour, maybe I will some day, on these two chapters, because in chapter 4 you have this tremendous vital truth of God's creative power, and we can't neglect it, it's too important, but you get into chapter 5 and you find that that alone is not enough, something more is needed, and when you hear a man who talks about the absolute God and His creative power and the wonders of His creation and our relation to Him, I'd say praise God, it's wonderful but if he stops there, he falls far short of what God wants him to be. So we find in the beginning of chapter 5 that there is the strong angel with a loud voice, proclaiming, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? There is a book which he is holding up, what is the book? The book is the explanation of life. It is the explanation of the universe, it is the explanation of what it is all about, and philosophers, scientists, students of every sort, have tried to open the book of life and explain it, and there have been many theories and none of these theories are satisfactory unless you have divine revelation to give you a true understanding.

And so he says that no man in heaven or in earth, neither under the earth, was