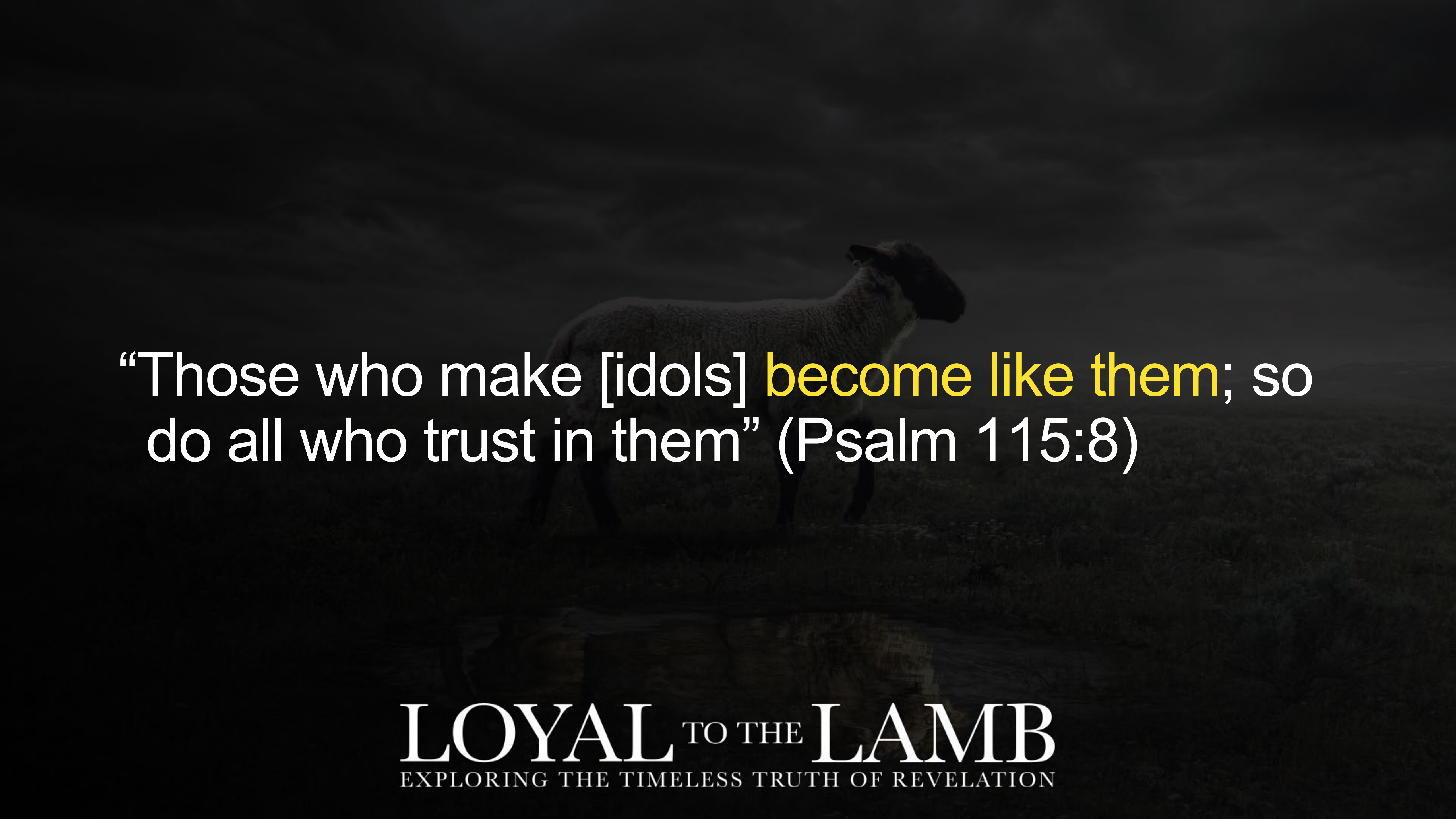


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“Those who make [idols] **become like them**; so
do all who trust in them” (Psalm 115:8)

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Revelation 4:1

English Standard Version

¹ After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.”

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Revelation 4:2-3

English Standard Version

² At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. ³ And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald.

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Revelation 4:4-5

English Standard Version

⁴ Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵ From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God,

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Revelation 4:6-7

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⁶ and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷ the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight.

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Revelation 4:8

English Standard Version

⁸ And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

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Revelation 4:9-10

English Standard Version

⁹ And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

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Revelation 4:11

English Standard Version

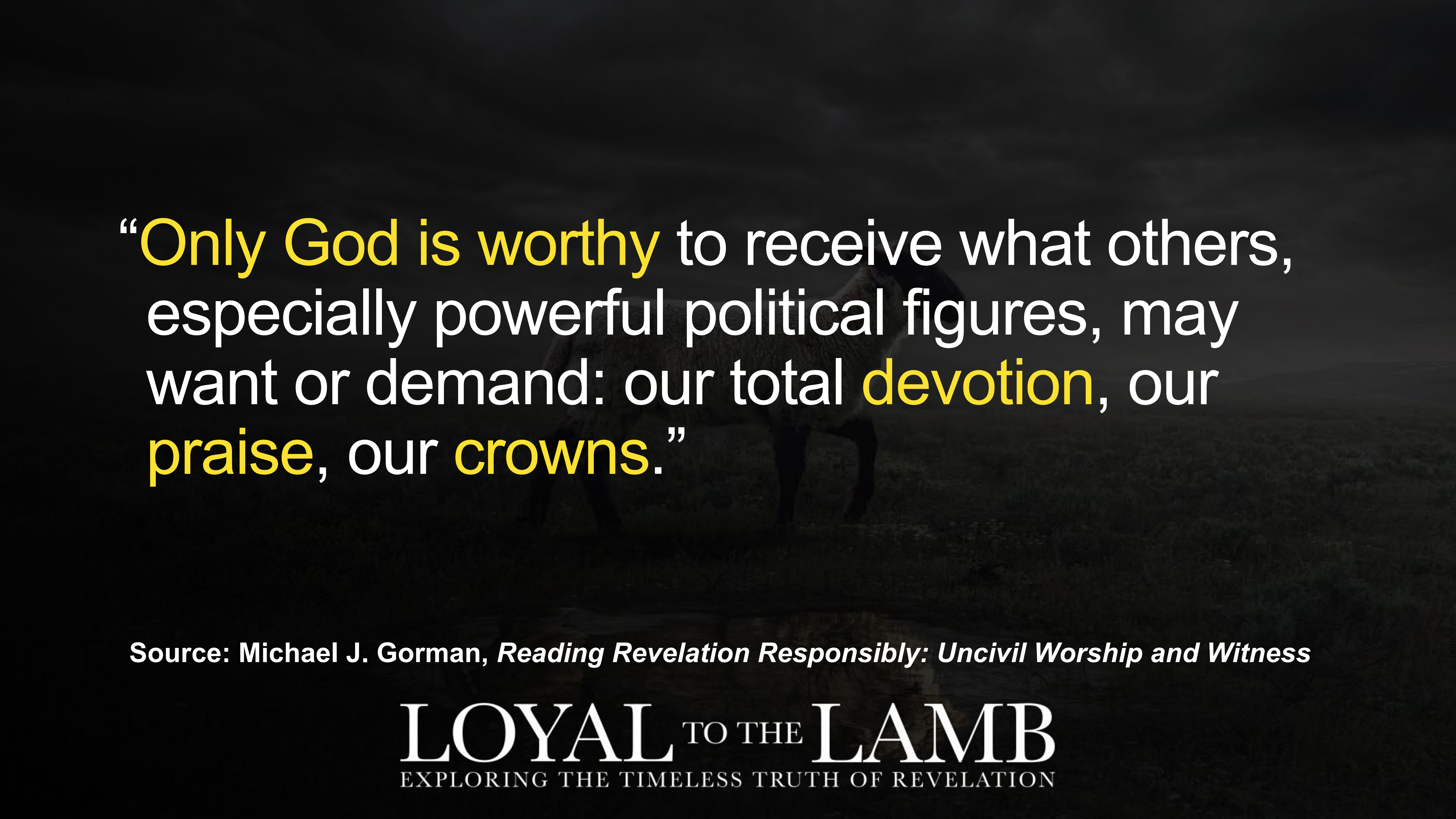
¹¹ “**Worthy are you, our Lord and God**, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

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“It may be best to see the living creatures as heavenly beings, perhaps **representing all of creation**, and the 24 elders **as the people of God**...The 24 elders wear white robes—symbolizing **purity, victory, and worship**—and golden crowns—symbolizing their share, by divine grace, in God’s reign.”

Source: Michael J. Gorman, *Reading Revelation Responsibly: Uncivil Worship and Witness*

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“Only God is worthy to receive what others, especially powerful political figures, may want or demand: our total devotion, our praise, our crowns.”

Source: Michael J. Gorman, *Reading Revelation Responsibly: Uncivil Worship and Witness*

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Revelation 5:1

English Standard Version

¹ Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne **a scroll** written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals.

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Revelation 5:2-4

English Standard Version

² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “**Who is worthy** to open the scroll and break its seals?” ³ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴ and I began to weep loudly because **no one was found worthy** to open the scroll or to look into it.

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Revelation 5:5

English Standard Version

⁵ And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, **the Lion** of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that **he can open the scroll** and its seven seals.”

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Revelation 5:6

English Standard Version

⁶ And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders **I saw a Lamb** standing, as though it had been **slain**, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

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“As a narrative whole, Revelation first builds to **this astonishing image**, and then everything afterwards flows from it...It is the central and centering image, the governing metaphor, the focal point of Revelation: a **slaughtered Lamb**, a **crucified Lord**.”

Source: Michael J. Gorman, *Reading Revelation Responsibly: Uncivil Worship and Witness*

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Revelation 5:7-8

English Standard Version

⁷ And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸ And when he had taken the scroll, **the four living creatures** and **the twenty-four elders** fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

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Revelation 5:9-10

English Standard Version

⁹ And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for **you were slain**, and **by your blood you ransomed people** for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

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Revelation 5:11-12

English Standard Version

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice, “**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!**”

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Revelation 5:13-14

English Standard Version

¹³ And I heard **every** creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and **all** that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”
¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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WALKING in the **WAY** of the Lamb
begins with **WORSHIP** of the Lamb.

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