

#### Letters to My Jehovah's Witness Friend 4

For the past three months I have been allowing you to peek into the letters I had been sending my friend. She is a Jehovah's Witness and, therefore, does not believe that Jesus is God. In my letters I have sought to prove by Scripture that Jesus must be God or we have a vast array of contradictory statements in God's Word. Since neither my friend nor I believe the Bible has any contradictions, she must either ignore the evidence or accept it. So far, she has been totally ignoring the evidence and goes on to something else. Since she has been a part of the organization for twenty-five years and is an Elder's wife, she should be able to refute the data. She does not.

In the following letter I will demonstrate to my friend that the worship that exclusively belongs to God is also given to Jesus. The worship of Jesus, in fact, is conveniently sidestepped by the Jehovah's Witness because they do not want their people to acknowledge it. Consequently, they substitute the word "obeisance" for the word "worship" whenever the word "worship" is applied to Jesus in the Bible. For example, when Jesus declares to Satan, "You shall worship the LORD your God, and serve Him only," in Matthew 4:10, they use the word "worship." But the same Greek word for "worship" is translated "obeisance" in their Bible in Matthew 28:9 when the disciples "took hold of Jesus' feet and worshipped Him." Since only God can be worshipped, according to Jesus, the Jehovah's Witness organization does not want their people to know that Jesus accepts worship. Thus, the translators for the organization change the word from "worship" to "obeisance." This switch of words is deceptive since most Jehovah's Witnesses think that the word "obeisance" means "obey." They do not realize that to do obeisance to Jesus means to worship Him.

Hi!

I watch daily from the window above my desk to see when the work on my house will begin. But no one arrives. Since I have moved into our trailer, I have realized how little we need in order to maintain an acceptable quality of life. There was no room for all the electrical gadgets and appliances that I thought were needful. I take a trek, once a week to my daughter's house to do laundry and any major cooking. It's embarrassing how many pieces of clothing I had put away and do not miss. I am beginning to learn what is NOT important in life!

I have a question for you. If Jesus is not God, why is Jesus given the same worship that Jehovah receives in the book of Revelation? In chapter 4 of Revelation, we are told that the "twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "**Worthy are You**, our Lord and our God, to receive **glory** and **honor** and **power**; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created" (Rev. 4:10-11).

On the other hand, in the next chapter of Revelation these same Elders, fall down before the Lamb, Jesus, who is sitting in the midst of the throne (Rev. 5:8 and 6). Notice that the same acclamations are given to this Lamb that had been given to God in chapter 4. In 5:9 we are informed that "they sang a new song, saying, "**Worthy are you** to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain. . . ." These elders are then joined by the living creatures and thousands of angels. They exclaim loudly, ""Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive **power** and riches and wisdom and might and **honor** and **glory** and blessing."

Finally, in Revelation 5:13, both God and the Lamb are addressed by all of creation who proclaim, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and **honor** and **glory** and dominion forever and ever." When these words to God and the lamb were completed, the elders "fell down and worshiped" (5:14).

How can glory and worship be directed to both Jesus and Jehovah when Jehovah has claimed in Isaiah 42:11, "My glory I will not give to another"? And, in Matthew 4:10 Jesus quotes from Deuteronomy 10:20--"You shall worship the Lord your God and serve Him only." I can only arrive at one solution which explains why Jesus and Jehovah are given equal worship in the book of Revelation: Jesus must be the One true God. Are you able to hit upon another explanation?