

SESSION 2

Remember what we said paradoxes at the beginning of the Session 1?

What is more powerful, a lion or a lamb? Our natural answer would be a lion, based on a lion's strength, ferocity, and agility. A lamb, by contrast, is a defenseless creature, open to slaughter by a stronger predator. The truth, though, is that on Good Friday, Christ gave us a new vision of strength and power. When Christ took our sins upon Himself on the Cross, an act that required greater strength than any of us can fathom, we were given a new vision of power ... power made perfect in weakness.

The alcoholic who admits his problem has more power over it than the one who proudly denies his addiction. The person who lives chastely and protects his sexuality has more power over himself (and others) than one who gives his power away through abusing that gift.

God's mercy towards us is not a sign of weakness. God's mercy demonstrates, again, just how truly powerful He is – and how blessed we are that He is so loving. God's motivation is salvation. It always has been. Since Genesis, and throughout every book in the Bible, we see how God has worked and is working for our salvation.

God's motivation is your salvation. What is your motivation each day? Is it your salvation or your personal desires? Whose motivation is more pure, yours or God's? Whose plan on achieving salvation is more pure, yours or God's? Whose judgment of whether or not you deserve salvation is more pure, yours or God's?

Thank God that the powerful lion is as gentle as a lamb.

THE CHAPTERS COVERED IN THIS LESSON

OPENING QUESTION

VERSE TO REMEMBER

BREAKING IT DOWN

1. What do the opening of the seals represent in Chapter six?

2. What image appears with the opening of the first four seals?

3. What does John see when the fifth seal opens (6:9)?

4. What do the seven classes of men mentioned (6:15) teach us about judgment?
