

Worthy
2 Samuel 22:4
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Thesis: I want to show the various ways the word worthy is used in the Bible and some lessons we can learn from it.

- Intro:
1. What does the word worthy mean?
 - a. Oxford dictionary defines it this way, “*deserving effort, attention, or respect*”.
 2. We will look at some ways worthy is used in the Bible, in both the positive and negative sense.

I. The Lord is **worthy** – to be praised & worshipped

A. **2 Samuel 22:4**

1. God is worthy to be praised because He is God.
2. He is our hope, He is our everything.

B. **Revelation 4:11**

1. He is worthy to be worshipped
2. He is the creator, He is all powerful, all knowing. He is righteous, He is just, He is our God, the only God (**Isaiah 45:6**)

II. Walk **worthy** of the Lord

A. **Colossians 1:10**

1. To walk worthy of the Lord is to leave a Christian life. To really live a Christian life.
2. Notice to walk worthy includes increasing in the knowledge of God. Not merely being stagnant. Be a Christian is more than just showing up.

B. **Revelation 3:4**

1. Those who have walked worthy in this verse are those who haven't “defiled their garments”. That is they have defiled themselves with sin.
2. They are not living in sin. Are not making excuses for their sins, etc.

III. Unworthy

A. **Unworthy** of everlasting life (**Acts 13:46**)

1. You become unworthy of Heaven when you reject the Word of God.
2. Thus a person is worthy of Heaven when they accept the Word of God through obedience to it.

B. Leaving God's law makes a person **unworthy** (**Mark 7:7-9**)

1. By holding to tradition, including tradition believed to be doctrine, you become unworthy of Heaven.
2. In order to hold on to tradition you must reject God's Word, you cannot hold on to both. Tradition will not get anyone into heaven.
3. Traditions are passed down, but traditions can come to an end?

Application & Conclusion:

1. Are you living a life that is worthy of heaven?
2. Being worthy or unworthy is a matter of choice. Which one do you want to be. One takes effort, the other does not.
3. Full Invitation

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Luke 13:3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – Rev 2:10,

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9