

I AM. . . THE LION OF JUDAH

I. Welcome and Worship, Holy God:

Playlists: Just as I AM Instrumentals
I AM . . .the Lion of Judah

Worship today is like a dare that leads to the Truth:
I dare you to worship while picturing a huge, fierce lion –
and then approach Him. Lay down your fear, trusting
that of course He “isn’t safe, But He’s good.” (C.S. Lewis,
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, Ch.8)
Cuddle in His mane. . . if you dare. ☺ Ask Him to *roar*
with Kingly authority over your life and painful
situations.

III. Ponder and Proclaim:

How have many Christians gone wrong in *trying* to be lions, yet failing as they destroy and devour (and thus, wound) those others who would like to approach the Lion of Judah? This is worth considering: the devil has also been rightly accused of walking “around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour,” (I Peter 5:8-11); the person who would attempt to emulate that false “might” is encountered in Psalm 52: 1-6. *Note carefully the distinction between counterfeit power which uses DESTRUCTIVE fierceness in contrast to real authority which employs LOVING fierceness.* Read these verses and celebrate our God, Who allowed a Lion to become a Lamb, to redeem us to Himself . . .the One who is alone worthy to open the scroll.

IV. Pray and Praise:

Let today’s praising prayer be focused on the ways we are to usher heaven to earth now in the vision of the lion laying down with the lamb: *For that to happen, the lion must lose its tendency to destroy, while remaining powerful and fierce, and the lamb must lose its tendency to fear, while remaining gentle and tender.* May this be our prayer:

“Yahweh, as it will be then, so let it be: in us now, on earth as it is in Heaven.”

II. SEEK HIM IN: SCRIPTURE

Genesis 49:8-10
Psalm 60:7
Proverbs 19:12
Isaiah 11:6-9
Hosea 5:14, 11:10
Joel 3:16
Revelation 5 (all)



In Ponder and Proclaim:
Psalm 52:1-6