

Out of the Woods opens on Thursday evening and it is a striking reminder of the spiritual battle that surround us. Throughout the story, the characters are called to stand firm against the schemes of Moloch, the dragon, trusting that King Jesse will ultimately win the final battle.

We are surrounded by the darkness of this world. While creation groans for our Savior to return, we wait. It is hard not to be overcome by the brokenness that is sin. There is a song written by Andrew Peterson and Ben Shive that contrasts our fallen world with the promise of a Savior entitled, **Is He Worthy**:

Do you feel the world is broken? We do. Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? We do.
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is. Is a new creation coming? It is.
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is.
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
From ev'ry people and tribe every nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is!*

Does the Father truly love us? He does. Does the Spirit move among us? He does.
And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? He does.
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does. (*chorus*)

Jesus will return and conquer this world for His glory. When he does, it is going to be more amazing than anything we could imagine. John writes, "And I saw no temple in the city for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb." (Revelation 21:22-23)

Jesus, the light of the world, will one day be the only light that we need! We will see His face and worship Him in the light of His glory. Is He worthy? Yes and Amen!

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KEY VERSE: They will see his face and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. Rev. 22:4-5