



DATE: Sunday, February 20, 2022

TITLE: Worthy is the Lamb

SERIES: The Book of Revelation: Worthy is the Lamb

PASSAGE: Revelation 5

1. In Rev 5:1-5, John weeps. Why does he weep? Why does the elder tell him to stop weeping? Why should the elder's declaration bring comfort to John and us?
2. Who is the only one who can open the scroll (v5)?
3. What do we learn from the titles the *Lion of the tribe of Judah* and the *Root of David*? See also Gen 49:9-10 and Isa 11:1 (quoted in Rom 15:12)
4. If Jesus is everything verse 5 says He is, why do you hesitate to bring everything to Jesus? What lies do you believe about Jesus, the world, or yourself that need to be corrected?
5. What do the golden bowls full of incense represent in verse 8? How does this visual impact your understanding of prayer?
6. In 1 Cor 6:20, Paul reminds the people they were bought at a price by the One who, according to Mark 10:45, "did not come to be served but to serve." According to Rev 5:9-10, what was that price, and how does it serve the people?
7. From where are the redeemed people ransomed (9b)? What does that mean?
8. Explain what it means that Jesus makes the redeemed people "a kingdom and priests to our God" that will "reign on earth" (10).
9. Have you been redeemed? How can you know with certainty? According to John 1:12-13, how do we become a child of God (and are therefore redeemed)?
10. What evidence exists in your life that proves a relationship or lack of relationship with God?
11. John could have jumped right from Revelation chapter 4 to chapter 6 with the scroll being opened. But the scroll isn't the primary point. The point is to reveal Jesus in His glory. How does John express the worthiness of Jesus (v11-14)?

APPLICATION:

1. There are many worthy pursuits in life, and our actions and priorities indicate what we value. Make a list of how you spend your time and energy, and then order that list from what **should be** most important to least important. Does the energy and time you allocate to these tasks indicate you prioritize the most important pursuit, or has something else stolen your attention and slipped into that spot? What changes in your life could ensure you have enough time and emotional energy to keep what should be the first thing the first thing?
2. How do you shift your hope from the things of the world to Jesus? What thinking patterns or actions do you need to change? How will you change them?
3. It's time to renew your mind. What is your responsibility in this endeavour?
4. It can feel impossible to praise God in the middle of a trial. How can you prepare to respond like this so that you are ready to praise the Lord when the hardship hits?

PRAYER POINTS (based on Revelation 5):

THE PRAISEWORTHY QUALITIES OF GOD THE FATHER AND GOD THE SON:

- God has a plan that will be perfectly enacted (v1)
- Jesus is the Lion who has conquered sin and death (v5)
- Jesus is worthy (v5)
- Jesus is the Lamb who was slain for us (v6, 9, 12)
- Jesus has all power and is worthy of worship (v6-8)
- Jesus ransomed us with his blood, made us a kingdom and priest to God and we will reign with Him (v10)
- Jesus is worthy to receive power, wealth, wisdom, might, honour, glory, and blessing (v12)
- Jesus is worthy of our continual worship (v13)
- Every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord (v13)

REVERENCE:

- Lamb of God, we worship you because . . .
- Jesus, I thank you for redeeming me . . .
- Jesus, I worship you because you are worthy of all worship . . .
- God, I praise you because you hear our prayers . . .

RESPONSE:

- Lord, strengthen my heart to delight in you as it should . . .

- Jesus, I confess that I struggle to worship you with . . .

REQUEST:

- God help me to trust in your perfect plan even when I don't see it . . .
- Jesus, because you are worthy, would you teach me to look to you alone . . .
- Lord, help me to worship even when . . .

READINESS:

- Lord, I will rest in your sufficiency even when I'm tempted to fret . . .
- Lamb of God, no matter what happens in my life, I will lay down all my life in worship to you, including . . .