

Revelation – The Return

Revelation 5:1-14

The Greek word for worthy is “axios”, meaning to balance the scales. Asking is an individual worthy or equal to the demands of the task?

The scroll

John saw a scroll in God’s right hand.

- Revelation 5:1
- The scroll was secured with seven seals: proves who it is from
- The scroll contained God’s eternal plan.
 - Ezekiel 2:9-10 refers to prophecy about this scroll

Who is worthy? (who is qualified for the job and how?)

No one was worthy to open the scroll.

- Revelation 5:2-3
- John wept because no one could open the scroll.
 - Revelation 5:4

The worthy One

An elder told John of the One who is worthy.

- Revelation 5:5
- The triumphant Lion of Judah, the Root of David, our Savior Jesus is worthy to open the scroll.
- Jesus appeared as a sacrificed lamb standing on God’s throne.
- Jesus has already triumphed.
- Without the Lamb, there is no LION. God reminds us here why and how Jesus triumphed on the cross

Jesus won the victory through His death and resurrection.

- Colossians 2:13-15
- We are victorious in Christ now and in the future.
 - 1 Corinthians 15:57

Worship

The creatures of heaven worship the worthy One.

- Revelation 5:7-8 Jesus took the scroll

- The prayers of God’s children rise before God in heaven: Where are they kept? Vs 8 _____.

Jesus is the only One worthy to open the seals because He died for our salvation.

- Revelation 5:9-10 Jesus is worthy and how does He make you worthy
- What is our new job?vs 10 _____
- John 1:29 He took away the sin of the world
- Jesus made it possible through His death and resurrection for all people to be a priest in God’s Kingdom.
 - **Hebrews 4:16 We can go into the throne room for** _____
- Jesus didn’t conquer and force us to join God’s Kingdom. He purchased us with His blood.
- Jesus is worthy because He humbled Himself to death on the cross.
 - Philippians 2:6-9
- Jesus is worthy of our worship. Draw circle of worship here:
 - Revelation 5:11-12
 - Revelation 5:13
 - Philippians 2:10-11
 - Revelation 5:14



We join in with the throne room of God when we worship.

Action Steps

- Read Revelation 4 and 5 and take time to meditate on the images of worship in God’s throne room.
- Pray the five songs in Revelation 4 and 5 this week, speaking and/or singing of the worthiness of Jesus.
- Praise Jesus for your salvation and share it with someone this week.
- Invite someone to join us next week.

Revelation 5:9

And they sang a new song: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.”

5 And I saw lying on the ^[a]open hand of Him Who was seated on the throne a scroll (book) written within and on the back, closed *and* sealed with seven seals;² And I saw a strong angel announcing in a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the scroll? And [who is entitled and deserves and is morally fit] to break its seals?³ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth [in the realm of the dead, Hades] was able to open the scroll or to take a [single] look at its contents.⁴ And I wept audibly *and* bitterly because no one was found fit to open the scroll or to inspect it.⁵ **Then one of the elders [sup>[b]]of the heavenly Sanhedrin] said to me, Stop weeping! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root (Source) of David, has won (has overcome and conquered)! He can open the scroll and break its seven seals!**⁶ And there between the throne and the four living creatures (beings) and among the elders [sup>[a]]of the heavenly Sanhedrin] I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God [sup>[a]]the sevenfold Holy Spirit] Who have been sent [on duty far and wide] into all the earth.⁷ He then went and took the scroll from the right hand of Him Who sat on the throne.⁸ And when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders [sup>[a]]of the heavenly Sanhedrin] prostrated themselves before the Lamb. Each was holding a harp (lute or guitar), and they had golden bowls full of incense (fragrant spices and gums for burning), which are the prayers of God's people (the saints).⁹ **And [now] they sing a new song, saying, You are worthy to take the scroll and to break the seals that are on it, for You were slain (sacrificed), and with Your blood You purchased men unto God from every tribe and language and people and nation.**¹⁰ **And You have made them a kingdom (royal race) and priests to our God, and they shall reign [as kings] over the earth!**¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voices of many **angels** on every side of the throne and of **the living creatures** and the **elders** [sup>[a]]of the heavenly Sanhedrin], and they numbered ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands,

¹² Saying in a loud voice, Deserving is the Lamb, Who was sacrificed, to receive all the power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and majesty (glory, splendor) and blessing!¹³ And I heard every created thing in heaven and on earth and under the earth [in Hades, the place of departed spirits] and on the sea and all that is in it, crying out together, ***To Him Who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb be ascribed the blessing and the honor and the majesty (glory, splendor) and the power (might and dominion) forever and ever (through the eternities of the eternities)!***¹⁴ Then the four living creatures (beings) said, ***Amen (so be it)!*** And the elders [sup>[a]]of the heavenly Sanhedrin] prostrated themselves and worshiped *Him Who lives forever and ever.*

Heb.4:16 **Let us then fearlessly *and* confidently *and* boldly draw near to the throne of grace (the throne of God's unmerited favor to us sinners), that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find grace to help in good time for every need [appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it].**

