

# Lessons From Revelation

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## The Worthy Lamb

(Rv 5:11-14)

### INTRODUCTION

1. Good Evening,
  - a. Greeting...
2. Series of “Lessons From Revelation.”
  - a. Two weeks ago we looked at “The One On The Throne” concerning chapter four.
    - i. We saw that which was being heralded by those in the presence of the Father.
      1. He was indeed worthy of glory, honor and power.
        - a. **Rv 4:11** “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power...”<sup>1</sup>
      2. He was worthy because...
        - a. He is pure and righteous in His decisions.
        - b. He keeps His promises and is merciful on us.
        - c. Even the religious leaders are subject to Him.
        - d. He is everywhere, omnipresent.
        - e. He will remove the barrier of persecution that has separated man from God.
        - f. Even the angels bow down and worship Him day and night.
    - b. This week we will look at “The Worthy Lamb” of chapter five.
      - i. As worthy as the Father was there was no one worthy enough to open the scroll with the seven seals He created until...
        1. The slain Lamb appears and He alone is found worthy.
3. With that in mind let us examine this most import discovery being presented in chapter five.
  - a. There is one worthy...the Lamb that was slain.

### I. The Scene

- A. Remember the previous chapter’s scene
  1. John standing in the door sees heaven where there is/are...
    - i. A throne with the Father sitting on it.
    - ii. A emerald bow around the throne.
    - iii. A 24 throne circle around the Father with 24 elders having crowns on their heads all sitting on their thrones who later bow and worship the Father throwing their crowns before Him.
    - iv. Seven torches before the Father.
    - v. Before the Father a sea glass.
    - vi. Four living creature worshipping next to the Father and around Him.
    - vii. The throne itself has lightning, thunder, and great sounds coming forth from it.
  2. This scene continues...

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<sup>1</sup> All Scriptures are taken from the ESV unless otherwise noted. If other translations are used this is not necessarily an endorsement of the translation.

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- B. John then sees something that breaks his heart
1. John, through the door, sees the Father's right hand and it is grasping a scroll written on all over.
    - i. This scroll has seven seals locking its message up.
  2. John then sees and hears a mighty angel proclaiming...
    - i. "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?"
  3. John weeps for no one created is found worthy to take and open the scroll.
    - i. No one in heaven, or on the earth or under the earth ie all of God's creation could not find anyone created as worthy.
  4. John is told by one of the angels...
    - i. "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."
  5. Upon hearing this great statement John sees...
    - i. A slain looking Lamb standing close to the throne and it had seven horns and seven eyes.
  6. This Lamb took the scroll from the right hand of God.
    - i. The four living creatures and the twenty-four elders immediately fell down and worshipped the Lamb singing a new song.
      - a. "...Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, 10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."
    - ii. The myriads of myriads of angels sang with a loud voice...
      - a. "...Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"
    - iii. Then all of God's creation sang...
      - a. "...To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"
- C. Thus...
1. Brethren is there a more powerful scene depicted than that of chapter 4 & 5?
    - i. Like the four living creatures, I say "Amen!!!"

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### II. The Message

- A. The scroll in the Father's right hand
  - 1. This scroll has several characteristics that are necessary to understand if we are to properly grasp the magnitude of this chapter. The scrolls characteristics are as such...
    - i. It is written on the inside and outside.
      - a. The idea is that the revelation that is needed to be revealed is full of God's Word and very important.
    - ii. It was sealed with seven different seals.
      - a. The idea is that this revelation was perfectly closed up, unrevealed and unexecuted.
    - iii. It's seals could not be opened by just anyone.
      - a. The idea here is that only one worthy could unlock the revelation which is, at this point, sealed up.
  - 2. Therefore...
    - i. We find the Father with a Revelation that is sealed up.
      - a. **Dt 29:29** "The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."
    - ii. We find that none of God's creation is worthy to open the seal and thus the reason for John's weeping.
      - a. **Ro 3:10** "...None is righteous, no, not one"
      - b. **Ro 3:23** "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"
- B. The Lamb who is worthy to take the scroll.
  - 1. The Lamb becomes John's source of comfort as the angel points Him out.
    - i. The Lamb is given two titles.
      - a. The Lion of the tribe of Judah
        - 1. **Gn 49:10** "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples."
      - b. The Root of David
        - 1. **Is 11:1, 10** "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse...10...the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples...his resting place shall be glorious."
    - ii. The Lamb is given three distinct physical characteristics.
      - a. He looked as though He had been slain.
        - 1. The idea here is that He is risen from having been slain.
          - i. **Mt 28:5-6** "But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay."

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- b. He had seven horns.
    - 1. The idea here is that of perfect power and authority.
      - i. **Mt 28:18** "...All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."
  - c. He had seven eyes.
    - 1. The idea here is the omnipresence of Christ through the Holy Spirit.
      - i. **Jn 1:47-48** "Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" 48 Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.""
    - iii. The Lamb is shown to have a divine characteristic here as well.
      - a. He is worthy of worship and receiving power, wealth, wisdom, might, honor, glory, and blessings forever and ever.
        - 1. **Rv 5:12-13** "...Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing...13...To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"
- C. Thus...
- 1. The message is loud and clear the Lamb of God is worthy of revealing God's revelation to man.
    - i. He is worthy because...
      - a. He is from the root of David and the tribe of Judah.
      - b. He has been sacrificed and raised from the dead.
      - c. He has perfect power and presence.
      - d. He is God.

### III. The Implication

- A. We have a Savior that does for us
  - 1. He came down from heaven for us.
    - i. **Jn 6:51** "I am the living bread that came down from heaven..."
  - 2. He emptied Himself and became man for us.
    - i. **Ph 2:7** "but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men."
  - 3. He was slain for us.
    - i. **Rv 5:9** "...Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation"
  - 4. He was resurrected for us.
    - i. **Ro 4:24-25** "but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, 25 who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification."

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5. He became a mediator for us.
  - i. **I Ti 2:5** “For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus”
- B. If the Lamb did/does so much for us surely we can do for Him
  1. We must become His brother.
    - i. **He 2:11** “For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers”
  2. We must become His wife.
    - i. **II Co 11:2** “For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.”
  3. We must become His servants.
    - i. **Lk 17:11** “So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”
  4. We must become His slaves.
    - i. **Ro 6:22** “But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.”
  5. We must become His follower.
    - i. **I Pt 2:21** “For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.”
- C. Thus...
  1. Augustine of Hippo had it right when he wrote, “Because God has made us for Himself, our hearts are restless until they rest in Him.” (<http://goo.gl/1urSLa>)

### CONCLUSION

1. Brethren having examined Jesus as the worthy Lamb let us always keep at the forefront of our minds that we need Him who is worthy.
  - a. Francis Chan said concerning this, “The irony is that while God doesn’t need us but still wants us, we desperately need God but don’t really want Him most of the time.” (Ibid)
2. Question: Does your heart ache, longing for each opportunity to serve God who is worthy of all?
  - a. If so continue therein and grow thereby.
  - b. If not why not.

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### 3. Invitation

- a. For those that are Christians but are not living for Christ repent by confessing your sins to God that He may forgive you and dedicate your life/time back to Him.
  - i. **I Jn 1:7, 9** "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin...9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
- b. For those that are not Christians or for those that think they are Christians and want to know for sure notice what is required to become a child of God or Christian according to God and God only.
  - i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
  - ii. Have Faith In Jesus **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
  - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
  - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
  - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
  - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**