

Revelation 5:1-14 *The Hymn of the Savior*

Last week in Revelation 4, we get a glimpse of Throne Room of heaven: **Worship**= hymn of Creation

Read Revelation 5:1-14 -SCENE: Heaven, *but* a future scene bc the divine wrath/jug globally **not y**
I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back
sealed up with seven seals. -Scroll (both sides)=7 rolled up inside of each other. Each scroll of
judgment has been sealed closed **sealed envelop**. Closed/sealed for a certain day/time in history that
the Father knows and reveals to heaven in His perfect timing. This is God's divine wrath waiting:

² And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and
to break its seals?" ³ And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open
the scroll or to look into it. No human; no creature was worthy (holy, divine, perfectly righteous)

-As God holds the Scroll of universal judgment, no angel, no creature was worthy to open it,
declare it, or wield judgment on this earth – no king, no president, no pope, no preacher -**NO ONE**

⁴ Then I [John] *began* to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to
look into it. ⁵ And one of the elders *said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, **the Lion** that is from the
tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to be able to open the scroll and its seven
seals."

-In Jesus' 1st coming/humility-He came to live, love, obey Law perfectly, suffer, die & be raised up
-In Jesus' 2nd coming/glory-He will come to judge the living and the dead. Jesus, having completed
salvation -will now come to **judge** those who reject God; bring the church home to heaven; and
prepare the world for divine wrath & consummation =leading to **GWT Jug. & new heaven/earth**

-Matthew 28:18 Jesus = "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth"

-Acts 10:42 "God appointed Jesus as judge of the living and the dead"

-Acts 17:31 "because God has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness
through the Man, Jesus, whom He has ordained."

-John 5:22 "Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, ²³ that
all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. ²⁷ And the Father has given him authority to
judge because Jesus is the Son of Man."

-Ps. 98:9 "before the LORD, For He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall
judge the world, And the peoples with equity." 2Ti. 4:8 Jesus= "The Righteous judge"

*Jesus *IS* the righteous judge; the Holy One; the power of God poured out upon the earth.
Jesus *IS* the **Son of Man**, who is the only worthy man (fully God; Fully Man) to judge earth. **WHY?**
=Jesus took the wrath of God; He became sin for us (2 C. 5:21); He has felt the divine judgment of
God on OUR behalf; as the holy, sinless, perfect, sacrificial lamb who died under God's judgment
& IS **NOW** the powerful reigning **LION**=judge & KING and He has rights to whole universe:

-Rev. 11:15 "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah,
and he will reign for ever and ever."

A. So Jesus is the only One worthy to Judge the world, save/rescue the Church -His Bride, & bring
consummation upon this entire sin-tainted universe. **Jesus will make ALL things new!!!**

B. Jesus *will* return to this earth (to bring the pre-planned judgment of God) upon all=**none escape**

C. This global judgment of God, by Jesus, is still **FUTURE**: What is described in the **SEALS**,
TRUMPETS, **THUNDERS**, & **BOWL** Judgments are so catastrophic, so cataclysmic, so global that
nothing in earth's long history has ever matched what is coming....sobering, horrifying, & **real!!**

-So what is heaven's response to Jesus' worthiness & Kingship in heaven/earth?????

⁶ And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a **Lamb standing, as if slaughtered**, Jesus is pictured as to *why* He is worthy: =spotless, guiltless sacrificial lamb

-having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. -
Horn = power; **eyes**= universal sight; ubiquity; omnipresence -sent out to see/judge all the world.

⁷ And He (lamb/Jesus) came and took *the scroll* out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. ⁸ When He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints [prayers for rescue; prayers for retribution/vengeance; prayers for perseverance in suffering & persecution]

⁹ And they *sang a **new** song, saying, "Worthy are You [Jesus] to take the scroll and to break its seals; for You were slaughtered, and You purchased people for God with Your blood from every tribe, language, people, and nation. ¹⁰ You have made them *into* a kingdom and priests to our God, and they will reign upon the earth." Jesus is worshiped for what He accomplished: selflessly coming to earth (ADVENT) to become HUMAN – into a poor disreputed family -born into shame; to live and die for MY sins – in order that through HIS earthly death, I may have eternal life. Jesus redeemed a people for God; people of all races/languages/tribes/nations -**everywhere people matter to GOD!** -We the redeemed are a **Kingdom** under His Kingship (our **identity/authority**) & we are **Priests** to God (our ministry is to *serve/worship* God & *represent* God to the lost world)**now**

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voices of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads [10,000X10,000 =100million] and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive **power, wealth, wisdom, might, honor, glory, and blessing.**"

-Are you in tune with this worship? With Christ's worthiness? What does Jesus receive for dying on the cross for you? What does He get in that He gave up everything (even Heaven & rightful worship to become a lowly, poor human, abused, despised, rejected, tortured, & killed) ALL because He loved the Father; He obeyed the Father; He loved the glory of the Father more than what was owed Him or what He rightfully deserved from all creation: He gave it ALL up....

-NOW...He is showered with universal praise and honor – glory and worship.

-To Christ is attributed ALL power, **ALL wealth**, ALL wisdom, ALL strength, ALL honor/glory/bless

**ARE YOU in tune to this reality? Is your heart open to worship Jesus in the way of heaven??

-NOTE THIS: If you are not, no worry, everyone else in creation will; all living things will....

¹³ And I heard every created thing which is in heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth, or on the sea, and all the things in them, saying, "To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb *be* the blessing, the honor, the glory, and the dominion forever and ever."

¹⁴ And the four living creatures were saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

APPLICATION

1. God has a plan already in place, even when we cannot see it; we trust, we wait w/Joy **He not anxious**
2. Jesus is no longer pictured as the weak, frail, human sacrifice -but reigning King/judge -worthy
3. Jesus is going to return to this earth in Judgment: Will He find us faithful? Ready? Maranatha...
4. The worship of Revelation is not only future, it is for the present/now -in every area of our life

Community Group Discussion Questions

1. Why Do You Think John Weeps So Deeply?
 - What does his grief reveal about the importance of the scroll?
2. Why is it significant that no one but Jesus is worthy to open the Scroll?
3. Jesus is displayed as both the Lion of Judah and the slain Lamb. How do these images challenge our ideas of strength and leadership?
4. Why does heaven emphasize what Jesus *has done* rather than what He *will do*?
 - How does this shape the foundation of Christian worship?
5. How does this global vision of salvation challenge personal or cultural Christianity?
 - What implications does this have for the church's mission today?
 - What stands out to you about the worship described in this chapter?
 - How does this inform or challenge how we worship now?
6. What does it mean to live as a priest in everyday life?
7. How might Revelation 5 reshape how you approach work, prayer, and witness?