

The Song of Redemption

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Revelation 5:9-14

9 And they sang a new song, saying, “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.”

11 Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” ¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” ¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

The new song is a song of redemption (Rev 5:9)

*See other occasions of new songs in Exodus 15, Isaiah 42 & Psalm 96)

Jesus is worthy because He was slain (5:9)

*See Exodus 19:5-6 for OT parallels

Jesus is worthy because He ransomed people from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation (Rev 5:10)

Jesus is worthy because He has seen to it that a people are set apart to be that promised kingdom and priests to our God reigning with Him forever

(Rev 5:10, Exodus 19:5-6, 1 Peter 2:9)

Because Christ is worthy, we worship (5:11-14)

True worship is what we really need

True worship gives honor to Jesus (5:11-14)

A good way to test your own idolatry is to fill in the blank:

If I only had _____. Then I'd be happy.

If I lost _____. I don't know what I'd do.

Worship includes our singing (4:8, 4:11, 5:9, 5:12, 5:13)

Worship is far more than singing, but worship often includes singing.

There are five songs in chapters 4-5 (4:8, 4:11, 5:9, 5:12, 5:13)

True worship puts us on the right side of history

For eternity, will you be weeping or singing?