

***Jesus Is Worthy: The 7-fold Beauty of His Leadership (Rev. 5:12)***

**I. THE GRAND DRAMA IN HEAVEN: JESUS RECEIVES THE SCROLL (REV. 5:7)**

- A. Revelation 5 describes Jesus' destiny on the earth as a Man—He is fully God and fully man. God ordained to highly exalt Jesus on the earth as a Man because of His obedience unto death.
- <sup>9</sup>*...God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,*  
<sup>10</sup>*that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth...*  
*(Phil. 2:9-10)*
- B. Daniel prophesied that Israel's Messiah would receive the leadership of the whole earth forever. David wrote of the Father's promise to give the leadership of the nations to Jesus (Ps. 2:8). This promise is fulfilled before the nations *in part* in this age and *in fullness* in the Millennium.
- <sup>13</sup>*...the Son of Man [Jesus] coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days [the Father]...*<sup>14</sup>*Then to Him was given...a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion...* (Dan. 7:13-14)
- <sup>8</sup>*I [the Father] will give You [Jesus] the nations for Your inheritance...* (Ps. 2:8)
- C. The Lord gave the dominion or authority of the earth to Adam as a representative of the human race as an eternal stewardship (Gen. 1:26-28). The Lord will never take back this stewardship from humans. The first Adam forfeited his authority to Satan (Lk. 4:6; 2 Cor. 4:4). Jesus, as the last Adam, came to earth as a Man to win back the dominion of the earth for humans (Rev. 5:10).
- D. God gave the title deed of the earth to Jesus as a human king. The scroll speaks of the title deed of the earth and God's plans to cleanse the earth of evil and replace its governments (Rev. 6-19).
- <sup>1</sup>*I saw in the right hand of Him [the Father] who sat on the throne a scroll...sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup>I saw a strong angel proclaiming..., "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?"...<sup>5</sup>One of the elders said, "...The Lion of the tribe of Judah...has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." <sup>6</sup>In the midst of the throne...stood a Lamb as though...slain. <sup>7</sup>He took the scroll out of the right hand of Him...on the throne... (Rev. 5:1-7)*
1. **Prevailed:** Jesus as a man prevailed over Satan by His obedience and death.
  2. **Took the scroll:** Jesus accepted the responsibility to cleanse and rule the earth for God.
- E. The highest governmental council around God's throne consists of the living creatures (angelic) and the elders (human). These heavenly leaders proclaimed their full agreement with God's decree to make Jesus the supreme leader of the whole earth forever—He is worthy!
- <sup>8</sup>*When He [Jesus] had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb...<sup>9</sup>They sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals [to release the tribulation judgments]; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God [proved Your love]...<sup>10</sup>and we shall reign on the earth."*(Rev. 5:8-10)

- F. ***Open the seals:*** This includes releasing the judgments in the book of Revelation (Rev. 6-19) so as to cleanse the earth from evil. The seals are not part of the contents inside of the scroll. Some in the Church do not have a theology of a loving God who uses judgment to remove sin. Many think that judgment is a contradiction to love. God's judgments remove what hinders love.
- G. ***You were slain:*** Jesus laid aside His glory to become human and to take our judgment. Jesus will replace the governments of the nations (Rev. 20:4-6) so that righteousness will fill the earth (Isa. 11:1-9). "*Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely...*" (Lord Acton).  
***<sup>9</sup>For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich. (2 Cor. 8:9)***
- H. ***You are worthy:*** Jesus being worthy to be the supreme leader of the earth has three applications.
1. ***Jesus deserves it:*** He has proven Himself as worthy (deserving) of the authority to be the supreme leader of the earth because He has made every choice in love and righteousness. We trust His leadership to open the scroll (judgment) and rule all the earth's resources.
  2. ***Jesus is capable:*** He is able to open seals or to administrate God's judgments to drive evil off the planet and to reorganize and lead all of its governments. No other man has the wisdom, humility, and power to do this. It is not amazing that God rules the earth but that He gave all the authority over it to one Man who is capable of giving leadership over all the resources of all the nations and in a way that sustains love and righteousness forever.
  3. ***Jesus is worth it:*** We agree that He is worthy to be the supreme leader of the earth forever and is worthy of our *unqualified trust* in His leadership and *sacrificial obedience* to His will. The devil seeks to stir up self-pity in us by telling us that we are getting a bad deal from God and that it is no longer worth the trouble to seek God with diligence. The devil tempts us to "*Give up* (seeking God) and *give in* (to sin) because it is too hard."  
***<sup>8</sup>I count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ... (Phil. 3:8)***
- I. Jesus had to become human ***forever*** in order to qualify as a sacrifice for humans.
- J. Jesus had to live in ***perfect*** love and holiness as a man to qualify to bear God's wrath.
- K. Jesus lived as a Man ***dependent*** on the anointing of the Spirit. Jesus has "*never ever been less than God*" but after the incarnation He lived as though He was "*never more than a man.*"  
***<sup>2</sup>The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD... <sup>4</sup>But with righteousness He shall judge the poor...He shall strike the earth [related to His second coming] with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. (Isa. 11:2-4)***
- L. For 33 years, each miracle that He did was the result of waiting on the Father in prayer to release the Spirit. Jesus will function as a Man ruling in the Millennium in this way.

**II. THE 7-FOLD BEAUTY OF JESUS' LEADERSHIP (REV. 5:12)**

A. The Father ordained to give Jesus great favor in seven spheres of leadership over the earth. Jesus *receives* this from the Father and the response of people *in part* now and *fully* in the Millennium. Jesus received from the Father the anointing of the Spirit to fully rule every sphere of society with an unprecedented measure of power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing.

<sup>11</sup>*I heard the voice of many angels around the Throne, the living creatures, and the elders...*

<sup>12</sup>*saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!" (Rev. 5:11-12)*

1. The challenge in understanding this passage is the word "receive." In what sense does Jesus receive? He will "receive" from the Father an unprecedented measure of favor and will "receive" the full obedience and cooperation from the kings of the earth in the Millennium as they freely offer their national resources to Jesus in these seven areas.

2. Satan has challenged this 7-fold destiny of Jesus through history. The end-time Church will make a 7-fold prophetic decree about Jesus' leadership as it exposes and prevails over the Antichrist's lies (Rev. 13).

B. ***Power*** (political): Jesus will receive all the political authority over all nations from the Father at the time of His second coming. This power will be acknowledged by all people on earth after He destroys the Antichrist's empire. He will replace every evil government with new leaders and laws and will restore every sphere of life (economic, educational, social institutions, etc.).

C. ***Riches*** (financial): All the money and natural resources on earth will be seen as under Jesus' leadership in the Millennium. He will receive this from the Father and all the leaders of the nations will joyfully submit their riches to His leadership and worldwide plan.

D. ***Wisdom*** (intellectual): By using great wisdom, Jesus will bring every sphere of life to the fullness of the Father's plan. He will have leadership over all the "intellectual property" forever. He will establish new laws and policies over the nations in every sphere of society. His wisdom in leadership will produce good fruit in the most difficult years in history (Great Tribulation).

E. ***Strength*** (physical): Jesus received supernatural physical strength in His resurrected human body. He will never weary of His work as He steadfastly contends against all resistance. The nations will gladly offer to Jesus the fruit of their physical strength with all its resources. All benefits of the labor force and human resources on the millennial earth will be submitted to Him and will serve His plans to establish love and righteousness on earth. They will love Jesus with all their strength or resources including their time, words, energy, and influence (Mk. 12:30).

F. ***Glory*** (spiritual): Jesus will operate in the fullness of the supernatural realm (Isa. 11:2; Jn. 3:34). The nations will submit to Jesus all that is gained by the glory of God operating in their lives.

<sup>2</sup>*The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom... (Isa. 11:2)*

<sup>34</sup>*He whom God has sent speaks... for God does not give the Spirit by measure. (Jn. 3:34)*

- G. **Honor** (relational): All in the nations will honor and love Jesus with their obedience in practical ways. To honor Jesus is to obey and serve His plan for the nations. A dictionary definition of honor is to publicly esteem one with a superior standing by showing them obedience and respect. Paul spoke of honoring our parents with respectful obedience (Eph. 6:1-2). Jesus will be the most obeyed, respected, and listened to man and the most talked about and emulated person on earth.
- H. **Blessing** (social): All in the nations will bless or agree with His policies and plans by fully cooperating with His leadership in every sphere of life. Such cooperation will result in the mightiest, largest, most unified, and joyful work force in history. Note: to honor a person is to esteem them whereas, to give our blessing is to agree and cooperate with them.
- <sup>17</sup>Men shall be blessed in Him; all nations shall call Him blessed. (Ps. 72:17)*
- I. As we understand Jesus' unveiled beauty in the Millennium it causes us to love Him more now. Jesus will be the most powerful, wealthy, wise, loved, supported, praised, obeyed, respected, listened to, and talked about Man on the earth. He will be seen as having the dominion over all the land, people, money, governments, human resources, angels, etc. He has the power and right to control them. Thus, we know that He is able to fulfill all of His promises to each of us forever.
- <sup>2</sup>In that day the Branch of the Lord [Jesus as Man] shall be beautiful and glorious. (Isa. 4:2)*
- <sup>17</sup>Your eyes will see the King in His beauty... (Isa. 33:17)*

### III. HOW TO USE REVELATION 5:12

- A. We intercede for the release now knowing that what Jesus will release in fullness after His return will be released in part in this age. We cry for Jesus to “come” in this way now.
- B. The Antichrist will seek to control these same seven spheres of influence.
- C. We are to often recommit ourselves now to Jesus according to these truths because He is worthy. All the redeemed will forever sing, “Worthy is the Lamb”—the heart-cry of those who love Him.
- D. Jesus earned the right to rule the earth, but then willingly gives it to the Father because Jesus delights in humility. The Father gives the Son a Bride and the Son gives the Father a family.
- <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end [the Millennium], when He [Jesus] delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule [hostile and evil authorities during the Millennium]...<sup>28</sup>Now when all things are made subject to Him [Jesus], then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him [the Father]... that God may be all in all. (1 Cor. 15:24-28)*
- E. Jesus' love for the Father is so attractive, causing many who see it to be inspired to imitate it. Even the 24 elders imitate Jesus' love for the Father by casting their rewards before the Father.
- <sup>10</sup>The 24 elders fall down...and cast their crowns before the Throne... (Rev. 4:10)*
- F. Moravian missionaries were motivated to evangelize and make disciples so that the Lamb would receive the reward of His sufferings.