

Revelation 5:9-10

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v9 *They sang a new song...*

- The word “new” appears several times in the Revelation.
 - New Name- 2:17
 - New Jerusalem- 3:12
 - New Heaven- 21:1
 - New Earth- 21:1
 - God makes all things new in 21:5
- The word new carries the idea of fresh rather than recent. It refers to a new kind of song. It implies that it is a kind of song never heard before but I admit I don’t know exactly what this means.
- There are a few things this could mean.
 - It could mean new in content but we sing about redemption today.
 - It could mean singing with a new awareness of redemption
 - It could mean new in tune with new heavenly instruments we have not heard.
 - It could mean new in those who are singing it.
 - It could mean that it is new due to the circumstance of its singing.
- Whatever the reason/reasons for it being new it is the freshness of the song that makes it like no other song. Just think about it. Can you Imagine, Jesus stepping forward and taking the scroll of our lost inheritance in preparation of redeeming everything? I imagine there will be singing like no one has ever heard in that moment!

1. It is directed to Jesus.

- It is sung directly to Jesus. It is not sung about him, it is sung to him.
 - *You are worthy*
 - *With your blood*
 - *You have made*

- This is the highest praise! It is personal and directed to Jesus-not just about him. Notice the songs we sing and whether they are about him or sung to him. There is a place for testimony about Jesus and what he has done but when you are in his presence-you talk to him not about him. We should direct our praise to him and not just about him.

2. This song declares Jesus’ worth.

- *You are worthy because...*

- Worship is an acknowledgement of the worth of God and his worth is beyond measure. Here his worth is not reckoned in terms of his power or of his wisdom. However, each of those are wonderful measures of his worth and reason to praise him.
- Here is worth is reckoned in terms of his death upon the cross. How incredible that God would die for me on the cross. That the King of Glory would come as a lamb and he would willingly be slaughtered to purchase our salvation.
- No one has ever loved us like Jesus! No one else ever died to purchase your salvation. When we realize that we won’t be able to help but praise him!

- We will realize that like never before and will praise him like never before! (Perhaps this is why this is a “new song”)
3. This song declares the scope of redemption.
- *from every tribe...*
 - In that heavenly scene there will be people from every descent, every language, every race, every culture. The gospel will have reached unto the ends of the earth. It must have been a wonderful thing for John to realize that the redeemed come from all over the world.
 - In his day the church was small and struggling under the heavy hand of persecution and with he himself being exiled there were likely doubts and/or questions about the church.
 - But he sees this vision, he hears this song and he knows his labor is not in vain. The church triumphant because of Jesus and he is apart if this great work!
 - We must not be troubled or discouraged when we look around and see the trouble in the world or that state of the church in our age.
 - God is still at work, Christ is still mighty to save, and his word is going forth. The scope of redemption is just awesome!
4. This song speaks of redemption for the glory of God.
- *with your blood you purchased men for God.*
 - Salvation is not primarily for our benefit. Although it certainly does benefit us it is ultimately for God's.

Ephesians 1:5-6

5 he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

Ephesians 1:11-12

11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, 12 in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

- We are to be trophies of his grace and eternal testaments of what he has done. We are to declare his promises because we belong to him.
5. This song declares some stunning results of our redemption.
- *God has made us a kingdom....*
 - We who were not a people are now a community of believers under God's sovereign rule. It is from all these different people we are united in Christ. We are now preist with a purpose, which is to serve God.
 - As priest we have continual access to God. Not only that, but we will reign with him on earth. A restored, a renewed, a curse free earth! How awesome is that thought.