

The God Who is Worthy

REVELATION: YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY, Week 13

Revelation 5 (NIV)

I. No _____ for the _____

¹ Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. ² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" ³ But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. ⁴ I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside.

II. A Champion _____ in _____

⁵ Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

⁶ Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits ² of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.

III. The Champion _____

⁸ And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slain,
and with your blood you purchased for God
persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.
¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,
and they will reign on the earth."

¹¹ Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹² In a loud voice they were saying:

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!"

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power,
for ever and ever!"

¹⁴ The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Bottom Line

_____ in _____, the _____ of God's _____ and _____

...by continually _____ on his _____.

...by _____ your _____ as a _____ and _____ now.

...by _____ in the _____ of _____ and of _____.

Suggestions Repeated from Last Week:

1. Reflect on your contingency—you owe your existence to another.
2. Follow that sense of contingency to thankfulness—all you have is gift.
3. Develop reflexive praise—to think of God should be to thank him.
4. In times of group worship keep your thoughts on God—he is the focus.
5. In your personal worship imitate the *language* in this passage ("You are worthy"; "to you be praise, honor, glory, and power"; etc.)
6. In your personal worship imitate the *posture* in this passage—it is good and right for you to physically kneel and bow before God and Christ.