



Revelation 5

+INTRODUCTION

Chapter four began the vision of the scene in heaven. Not many people have been privileged to see God's throne-room, yet John was allowed. As foreign as this scene is to us due to our perineal disconnect with the spiritual realm, it nonetheless captures our attention by the mysteriously beautiful sights + sounds. At the center of all that John sees, is a throne belonging to the Triune God, revealed as Father, Son + Spirit.

John notices that in the hand of 'Him who sits on the throne' (5:1) was a scroll fastened by seven seals. While the actual identity of the scroll remains one of the many topics debated among scholars/teachers, it's certain that only One in all the universe is worthy to reveal it's contents.

Keeping true to the unusual genre of writing John describes how it was revealed to him that the one found worthy to open the scroll and loose the seals was "the Lion of the Tribe of Judah"(5:5), a metaphor borrowed from Genesis 49:9, prophesying that strength +

power would come from Judah's lineage. However, In an ironic twist in the vision, when John turned around to see this "Conquering Lion", (5:5) to his utter astonishment he saw a "Slaughtered Lamb".

When all the inhabitants of this heavenly scene, who waited with bated breath, saw the Conquering Lion/Slaughtered Lamb receive the scroll, they collectively breathed out a new song of praise,

*Worthy are you
to take the scroll, to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood
you ransomed, people for God
from every tribe, language, people & nation,
and you've made them a kingdom & priests
to our God & they will reign upon the earth.*

This thunderous praise echoed as thousands, upon hundreds of thousands worshipped Jesus, the One who conquered by his brutal death. Consistent with the entry words to this book, it truly is, "a revelation of Jesus Christ" (Rev 1:1)

+READ (Revelation 5)

Read this passage out loud together as a group/family before asking any of the below questions.

+OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION

1. According to 5:9-10, 12-13, what is the Lamb being worshipped + praised for?
2. How has the Lamb triumphed in 5:5?
3. Read the following verses: John 19:16-37, Hebrews 9:11-14,22, 10:1-18, 1John 2:1-2 + Rev. 5:9, and discuss this question. "How has Jesus purchased people for God with His blood?"

+APPLICATION

1. Consider what Jesus, the conquering Lion/slaughtered Lamb has done for you, and the sacrifice he paid to do it. What should be your rightful response?
2. Considering that 5:10 identifies the believer as a 'kingdom of priests', how should the actions of your life change in order to line up with that revealed truth?

+MEMORY VERSE

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