

Revelation 5:1-14

Worthy is the Lamb Who Was Slain

Imagine standing before the Almighty God and knowing you have sinned and are unworthy. Imagine the guilt and fear. Then, imagine sweet Jesus taking you by the hand because of your faith in Him; and He not only forgives you, but He welcomes you into His arms and into eternity with Him.

We all sin! Romans 3:10b *"None is righteous, no, not one....."*

All humans are in need of a Savior! Romans 3:20 *For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.*

Jesus is that Savior. Romans 3:22 *the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.*

He is worthy of worship and praise! Jeremiah 33:8 *I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.*

Luke 24:46-48 *"Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you.*

Vs 1-5 The theme of worthiness of Jesus continues! He is perfect. He is Savior. He died for us. He is worthy. He can open the seal!

Ezekial 2:9-3:3 seems to be a great parallel passage to this.

NO ONE IN THE UNIVERSE IS WORTHY TO TAKE THIS SCROLL FROM GOD, BECAUSE THEY ARE UNWORTHY, BUT JESUS IS WORTHY TO TAKE THIS SCROLL!

GOD KEEP HIS COVENANT WITH MANKIND THOUGH WE SIN AND BREAK OUR SIDE OF THE BARGAIN!

We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus!

No human or elder or angel or creature was worthy to open the scroll. God had a plan from the beginning though. **It was Jesus** to take on Gods wrath for our sin. **He was the perfect sacrifice. His blood was shed for us. He was fully God and fully man. HE IS WORTHY!**

This was sad and dramatic because we have a need for salvation, heaven, and perfect eternity, but we cannot do it on our own. We need a Savior!

Jesus is a Lion and a Lamb. He is powerful conqueror and sacrifice.

Genesis 49:8-12 Jacob's blessing on Judah (our blessing through Christ is fulfilled)

8 *"Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down before you. 9 Judah is a lion's cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him? 10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. 11 Binding his foal to the vine and his donkey's colt to the choice vine, he has washed his garments in wine and his vesture in the blood of grapes. 12 His eyes are darker than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk.*

Vs 6-14 Jesus is the Lion and the Lamb! He is powerful and scary and nothing can defeat Him. He is gentle and loving and pure and gave Himself for us because He loves us.

- Have you ever met a sweet, kind, gentle, and godly woman?
- Have you ever met a strong, powerful, accomplished godly man?

We are made in the image of God. **Jesus is the perfect parts of women and men, except He is way better than we can imagine. HE IS SWEET GENTLE LOVING AND POWERFUL AND FEROCIOUS.**

Jesus could have judged everyone to death and hell. Instead, He gently gave Himself to be slain so that we could be saved. He shed His blood so we did not have to.

The horns show His ferocity.

The eyes remind us of the seven spirits, and we understand that He sees EVERYTHING perfectly.

Jesus is the **ONLY one** who could take the scroll from the Father. **He is worthy.** He opens it and **EVERYONE** and **EVERYTHING** falls at His feet in worship, because He is God. **He is worthy of worship.** He is holy and worthy and perfect and everyone and everything fall at their face before Him.

THE ROARING LION IS VICTORIOUS, BECAUSE HE SHED HIS BLOOD AND CONQUERED DEATH, SIN, and satan, and with that SAVED US ALL.

Jesus paid our sin ransom! Jesus' death and resurrection was sufficient to pay for all the sins of the nations! In heaven, there will be representatives of ALL PEOPLES. If all nationalities will be in heaven, all nationalities need to be welcomed into our life and church!

The kings and priests reign on earth, **but they bow down to God in heaven!**

Thousands of thousands sing of our Lords worthiness!

All creation in worship and praise perfectly!

Luke 15:1-7 The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." 3 So he told them this parable: 4 "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' 7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

- Do you trust in Jesus?
- Do you worship Him because He is worthy?
- Do you look to heaven or get caught up in today?

GOD HAS GOT YOU!