

## Worthy is the Lamb!

**5:1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.**

The LORD God sits upon the throne (Revelation 4:1-4, Ezekiel 1:26-28).

The Father sends the Son to be the Saviour of the world (Isaiah 6:1-10, Matthew 13:14-15) and so he goes (Psalm 40:6-8, Hebrews 10:5-10) and comes into the world (John 1:1-14).

God the Father has a book in his hand while sitting on the throne in heaven. It could be the book of Daniel (Daniel 12:4) or the book of Revelation (Revelation 22:10) This book is most likely the Holy Bible (Isaiah 29:9-12, 17-18)

There is also little book that is likely the Bible as well (Revelation 10:1-11, Daniel 12:5-6, Ezekiel 2:8-3:4).

We are commanded to read the Bible (Isaiah 34:16) search the Bible (John 5:39), and study the Bible (2 Timothy 2:15).

We are told to seek God through the Bible (Isaiah 8:19-20).

We are told the Bible is given by God (2 Timothy 3:16), it is the truth (Daniel 10:21, John 17:17) and the final authority (2 Peter 1:16-21), that its exalted above God's name (Psalm 138:2), that its preserved for us for ever (Psalm 12:6-7), and that it cannot be broken (John 12:48).

We are told to live by it (Matthew 4:4), we are blessed if we keep it (Revelation 1:3, 22:7-9), we are not to add to it or take away from it (Deuteronomy 4:2, Proverbs 30:5-6, Revelation 22:18-19) like most of the Roman Catholic and Orthodox traditions do.

We are told we were born again by it (1 Peter 1:23-25), we grow by it (1 Peter 2:2), we are cleansed by it (John 15:3), and that it will effectually work in us if we believe it (1 Thessalonians 2:13).

We are told it is the closest we will get to beholding the glory of God on earth (2 Corinthians 3:18).

We are told God speaks to us through it (Matthew 22:29-32).

The Holy Bible is the word of God.

**5:2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.**

The word open in the scriptures refers to giving the understanding of the scriptures, that is the sense of them, what they mean (Psalm 119:18, Luke 24:25-27, 30-32, 44-47).

This is the job of God's ministers (Nehemiah 8:1-8)

Who is worthy? Who can give us an understanding of the things of God's book? Who is worthy to remove the seals that we may understand the word of the LORD? No man in heaven, or in earth, or in hell was able to open it or look upon it. The scripture says God reveals things to us by his Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:10), yea he even reveals himself to us through the word (1 Samuel 3:21).

\*Note how God revealed himself to Samuel by the word of the LORD in Shiloh. You know what was in Shiloh? The Ark of the Covenant. You know what was on the side of the Ark of the Covenant? The word of God (Deuteronomy 31:24-26).

If the Lord doesn't open the eyes of your understanding, you are blind.

John wept MUCH because no one was found worthy to open and read the book. He was upset not because his finances, not because he didn't have a good job, not because things were going the way he wanted them to go, not because he didn't have a material possession he coveted after, he was upset because no one could give him an understanding of the words of God!

**5:5-6 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.**

Weep NOT! Hey Christian, weep not, JESUS HATH PREVAILED! That Bible says it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel (Genesis 3:15). Satan only bruised his heel, Jesus crushed the serpent, and shall bruise Satan under our feet shortly! (Romans 16:20).

JESUS, the LION (Genesis 49:8-12) has prevailed to open up the book and loose the 7 seals!  
Proverbs 19:12 – The King's wrath is as a roaring lion.  
Amos 3:8 Jesus has spoken, who can but prophesy?  
Joel 3:15-16 The LORD shall roar out of Zion.

In the midst we find the LAMB that had been slain (past tense), that means Christ still bears the scars of his crucifixion as an eternal memorial to the love, mercy, and grace of ALMIGHTY GOD! Those born in eternity will ask us, how come the Lord's body is the only body with scars? Why are there holes in his hands, holes in his feet, and a hole in his side? And then we will be able to tell them the wondrous story of Jesus and write on their heart every word, tell them the story most precious, sweetest that ever was told.

Having seven horns and seven eyes WHICH ARE THE 7 SPIRITS of God (Isaiah 11:1-3, Zechariah 3:8-10, 4:2-3, 10-14)

**5:7-10 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.**

The Son takes the book out of the right hand of the Father. When this moment takes place, the heavenly host knows what time it is. It is time for the great tribulation to start, and for the mystery of God to be fulfilled, and it is time for the LORD's return to the earth. It is the time for the LORD to save Israel and destroy all her enemies. It is now the time, that his will be done on earth as it is in heaven. It is time for him to come and take that which is rightly his. It is time for him to come and rule and reign with a rod of iron. It is time for him to come and be glorified in the saints. It is time for him to establish that holy government of which there will be no end. It is now time.

Heaven knowing the time, can't stand it no longer. When Jesus takes the book out of his Father's hand, the 4 cherubim and the 24 elders fall down before the LAMB, with their harps in hands and vials full of sweet smelling odours which are the prayers of saints and they start to sing...

What are the lyrics of the song?

**THOU ART WORTHY TO TAKE THE BOOK, AND TO OPEN THE SEALS THEREOF, FOR THOU WAST SALIN, AND HAST REDEEMED US TO GOD BY THY BLOOD OUT OF EVERY KINDERED, AND TONGUE, AND PEOPLE, AND NATION, AND HAST MADE US UNTO OUR GOD KINGS AND PRIESTS, AND WE SHALL REIGN ON THE EARTH.**

Why is Jesus worthy?

The scripture says, though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly (Psalm 138:6).

The scripture says again, "Yea, he loved the people" (Deuteronomy 33:3)

"Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every

knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:6-11)

... he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed...the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. (Isaiah 53)

He is worthy because of his great love wherewith he loved us, he was willing to lay down his life, so he died for mankind, and has reconciled us back to God.

**5:11-14 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.**

There is a 4 part harmony in heaven.

1. The 4 beasts and 24 elders
2. The Angels
3. The Animal Creation
4. Men redeemed by the blood of the Lamb.

That is, all of creation from the heavenly to the earthly, from the creatures of the deep, to the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, from an innumerable company of angels to an innumerable company of saved sinners, all of God's creation says with a loud voice in unison:

**BLESSING, AND HONOUR, AND GLORY, AND POWER, BE UNTO HIM THAT SITTETH  
UPON THE THRONE, AND UNTO THE LAMB FOR EVER AND EVER.**