

A Praise Service in Heaven

Revelation 5
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I. Introduction

- A. The scene in Heaven continues from Chapter 4
 - 1. *“The Lord has established His throne in the heavens; and His sovereignty rules over all.”* - Psalm 103:19
- B. Key verses: 9, 12, 13.
- C. There are 14 Doxologies in the book of Revelation: 4:8; 4:11; 5:9-10, 12, 13; 7:10, 12; 11:16-18; 15:3, 4; 16:5-7; 19:1-3, 4, 6-8

II. The Participants in the Praise Service – vs. 1-14

- A. The one holding the book (scroll) – v. 1
 - 1. This must be the Father because the Son takes the book from Him. – vs. 6, 7
 - 2. A book is in His right hand – Isaiah 41:10
 - 3. It had writing on both sides and was sealed with seven seals
 - 4. Possibly the book of redemption history – Hebrews 2:5-9
- B. The Strong Angel – vs. 2, 3
 - 1. He was strong (10:1; 18:21) and had a loud voice (emphasizing urgency and great concern)
 - 2. He asked who was worthy (having power and authority) to open the book and break its seals
 - 3. No one was found who was worthy – II Corinthians 2:16; 3:5, 6
- C. An Elder and John – vs. 4 and 5
 - 1. John’s sad reaction
 - 2. The Elder’s nominee
 - a. The Lion (the only ref. to Jesus as a lion in Rev.)
 - b. From the tribe of Judah
 - c. The root of David – Isaiah 11:1, 10; Proverbs 22:16
 - d. The Overcomer
- D. The Lamb – vs. 6, 7
 - 1. This term is used 28 times in Revelation in reference to Jesus
 - 2. He appears as slain - “slaughtered – throat cut”
 - 3. He had seven horns (His authority) and seven eyes (seven spirits of God, Zech. 4:2-6, 10; Isaiah 11:2), i.e., wisdom

- 4. He took the book from the Father – v. 7
 - a. Daniel 7:13, 14
- E. The 24 Elders and the Four Living Creatures – vs. 8-10
 - 1. They fall down before the Lamb
 - 2. They each had a harp: symbols and instruments of divine worship
 - 3. They each had golden bowls full of incense (prayers of the saints: “May my prayer be counted as incense before thee; the lifting up of my hands as the evening offering.” Psalm 141:2)
 - 4. Their song – vs. 9, 10 (Hymn 1)
 - a. The fact of His worthiness
 - b. The reason for His worthiness
 - c. The results of His worthiness
- F. Angels Join the Elders and the Living Creatures – vs. 11-14
Hymn #2
 - 1. An innumerable amount – v. 11
 - 2. Their song – v. 12
 - 3. The Lamb is worthy to receive: see Revelation 4:11
 - a. Power – I Corinthians 1:24
 - b. Riches – II Corinthians 8:9; Ephesians 3:8
 - c. Wisdom – I Corinthians 1:24
 - d. Might – Luke 11:22
 - e. Honor – Philippians 2:11
 - f. Glory – John 1:4; Matthew 6:13
 - g. Blessings
- G. Every created thing joins the choir – v. 13, 14
 - 1. To the Godhead be: Blessing, Honor, Glory and Dominion
 - 2. More praise and worship – v. 14

III. Application

- A. What always follows true praise? PROCLAMATION!
- B. Do you consider Him worthy of your:
 - 1. Allegiance?
 - 2. Affection?
 - 3. Ability?