

# Worthy is the Lamb

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Revelation 5

**Four living creatures** – a special, exalted order being or cherubim. This is pretty clear in their close proximity to the Throne.

**Twenty-four elders** – unlikely that they are angels. Angels are not enthroned or crowned. In Revelation 7:11, angels are clearly distinguished from elders. The elders most likely represent the people of God in Heaven. The fact that they sit on thrones (Revelation 4:4) indicates they reign with Christ. Nowhere in Scripture do angels ever rule or sit on thrones. The Church does however; it is said to rule and reign with Christ (Revelation 2, 5, 20, Matthew 19 and Luke 22). In addition, the word “elder” is never referred to as angels but as men.

What takes place around God’s Throne in Revelation in Chapter 5 is **anticipation** and **worship**. Anticipation to the scroll being opened and worship of the Lord.

From my understanding of Scripture, when the Church age has run its course Heaven will open, there will be a voice and the sound of a trumpet, and the saints will be caught up to Heaven (1 Cor. 15:52, 1 Thes. 4:13-18). Then God’s judgment on the earth will begin.

In Revelation the word “throne” appears 46 times. No matter what may happen on earth, God is still on His throne and is in control completely. God will call believers to Himself and will judge the world.

“Our world does not like to think of God as a God of judgment. They prefer to look at the rainbow around the throne and ignore the lightning and thunder out of the throne. He certainly is a God of grace, but His grace reigns *through righteousness* (Rom. 5:21). This was made clear at the cross where God manifested both His love for sinners and His wrath against sin.” ~ **Warren Wiersbe**

If the twenty-four elders typify the people of God, then we must ask, “Why shouldn’t God’s people praise God the Creator?” If the heavens declare God’s glory, why shouldn’t we do the same?

The writing on the scroll on both sides indicated its completeness. What was written was completed and final. The scroll represents Christ’s title deed to all that God had promised Him because of His sacrifice on the cross. A title deed can only be opened by the appointed heir and that is Jesus Christ.

Therefore, as in Revelation Chapter 5, we see four compelling reasons why we worship Jesus.

## 1) Because of **who He is** (vs. 5-7).

**Lion of the Tribe of Judah** – lion speaks of dignity, sovereignty, courage and victory.

**Root of David** – He brought David into existence

“As far as humanity is concerned, Jesus had roots in David (Is 11) but as far as His deity is concerned, Jesus is the Root of David.” ~ **Warren Wiersbe**

**Lamb of God** – Jesus is called “the Lamb” at least 28 times in Revelation alone.

God’s wrath is “the wrath of the Lamb” (Rev 6:16), cleansing by the blood of the Lamb (Rev. 7:14), and the Church is “the Bride of the Lamb.”

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

The Lamb has seven horns (perfect power), seven eyes (perfect wisdom) and seven Spirits in all the earth (perfect presence). Today we might call this omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence.

Patient, loving, in control, light of the world, hope, peace, strength, faithful, gentle just to name a few.

We worship Him because of who He is and...

## 2) Because of where He is (v. 6).

He is not a baby.

He is not in the world (physically).

He is not in a manger.

While He was all of these things (or in these places) He has now defeated every enemy and is sovereign. God turned His suffering into glory and He is now with the Father. If we know God, we will be with Him.

He is in Heaven seated at the right hand of the Father praying for us. Are you excited about Heaven? Not just escaping hell as a believer, but excited about Heaven and walking with and worshipping Jesus?

We worship because of who He is, where He is and...

## 3) Because of what He does (vs. 8-10).

### Redeems

In Genesis 22, a ram was substituted for Isaac, a picture of Christ giving His life for *the individual* (see Gal. 2:20). At Passover, the lamb was slain for each *family* (Ex. 12:3). Isaiah states that Jesus died for *the nation of Israel* (Isa. 53:8; see also John 11:49-52). John affirms that the Lamb died for *the whole world!* (John 1:29) The more you meditate on the power and scope of Christ's work on the cross, the more humbled and worshipful you become. ~ **Warren Wiersbe**

**Makes us kings and priests to our God. We are His sons and His daughters.**

**Saves us daily (moment by moment).**

Who He is, where He is, what He does (and has done) and...

## 4) Because of what He has (vs. 11-14).

He was born in weakness and He died in weakness; but He is the recipient of all power. He became the poorest of the poor (2 Cor. 8:9), and yet He owns all the riches of heaven and earth. Men laughed at Him and called Him a fool; yet He is the very wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24; Col. 2:3). He shared in the sinless weaknesses of humanity as He hungered, thirsted, and became weary. Today in glory, He possesses all strength. On earth, He experienced humiliation and shame as sinners ridiculed and reviled Him. They laughed at His kingship and attired Him in a mock robe, crown, and scepter. But all of that is changed now! He has received all honor and glory! ~ **Warren Wiersbe**

It's all His!

### **Prayer Focus:**

**Why do you worship Jesus?  
Are you worshipping Jesus?  
May we never stop!**