

THE SONG OF HEAVEN REVELATION 5:8-14

Last week we saw the Lamb receive the seven-sealed scroll from the one sitting on the throne. Tonight we will see the song of praise that erupted as the Lamb claims that scroll. We certainly see here that heaven will be a place of worship.

I. THE SETTING FOR THIS SONG. 5:8a.

A. The Place.

* The scene in Revelation 4 and 5 is in heaven. Rev. 4:1-5. *

B. The Participants.

1. The elders represent the church in heaven. Rev. 4.
2. The cherubim are angelic creatures. Ezek. 1 and 10.

C. The Events.

1. The search for one worthy to take the sealed scroll. Rev. 5:1-3.
* The scroll is the title deed to the earth. Cp. Dan. 7:13-14. *
2. The presentation of the Lamb as the worthy one. Rev. 5:4-7.

II. THE MESSAGE OF THIS SONG. 5:8b-13.

A. The First Stanza. 5:8-10.

1. The participants. 5:8.
 - a. The harps remind us that music will be part of the worship in heaven.
 - b. The bowls of incense remind us that the prayers of God's people are being answered in the work of the Lamb.
2. The lyrics. 5:9-10.
 - a. The declaration of the worthiness of the Lamb. 5:9.
 - b. The basis for his worthiness. 5:9,10.
 - 1). He redeemed man to God from all peoples.
 - 2). He exalted those whom he redeemed.

B. The Second Stanza. 5:11-12.

1. The participants. 5:11.
 - a. The choir is growing.
 - b. Ten-thousand was the highest number in Greek.
2. The lyrics. 5:12.
* The Lamb is worthy to be exalted in every imaginable way. *

C. The Third Stanza. 5:13.

1. The participants. 5:13.
* The expression of praise expands to the entire universe. Cp. Phil. 2:9-11. *
2. The lyrics. 5:13.
* Proclamation of praise to both the Father and the Lamb. Cp. Rev. 4:11; 5:9,10. *

III. THE WORSHIP FOLLOWING THIS SONG. 5:14.

* The song of praise was followed by expressions of humility and devotion. *

Heaven will be filled with songs of praise and expressions of worship (Rev. 7:12; 11:17,18; 16:4-6; 19:4,5). We should do those things here. The Lamb who is worthy of the worship of heaven is worthy of my trust and devotion here and now. This is the same one who desires fellowship with you today (Rev. 3:20).