

Midweek Bible Study

Who is Worthy to Open the Scroll?

Rev. 5:1-5

Introduction

Chapters 4-5 create a unit, a scene in the throne room of the heavenly Temple.

Review of Chapter 4: The glorious vision of worship.

We move into chapter 5 and eruption of praise slows and the focus narrows.
Note: the scene slows down, there is now drama in the throne room. Why?

Truth not only informs the mind, it moves the heart.

- *Scripture moves the heart*
- *Singing moves the heart*
- *Preaching moves the heart*

As we come to Rev. 5, the drama builds to not just give us a proposition: there is One who is worthy, but to raise the affections with His worth!

I. The Momentous Question: Who is Worthy? (5:1-2)

- A. The One sitting on the throne has a *biblion* in his right hand
- B. Written on the front and back
- C. Sealed with seven seals
- D. A mighty angel announces with a loud voice:
Who is worthy to open the *biblion* and break the seven seals?



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II. **The Despairing Reality (5:3-4)**

- A. No one is able

- B. John was weeping
Because no one was found worthy to open the *biblion* and look at it

III. **The Glorious Answer (5:5)**

- A. One of the elders says to me: Stop weeping

- B. Behold!

- C. Conquered – the Lion of the tribe of Judah

- D. And the root of David

- E. To open the *biblion* and its seven seals

IV. **The Worthy Lamb Takes the Scroll (5:6-7)**

V. **Worthy is the Lamb! (5:8-14)**

