

## Passages to Ponder

(Revelation 5:1-10)

And I saw in the right *hand* of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

The Apostle John in this passage describes for us a future worship service that will take place in heaven when Jesus receives from the Father the title deed of the earth. John sets the scene by telling us that he saw Gods throne and a great multitude which is made up of old testament saints, angels, and the raptured church. As were around Gods throne exploring His glory and beauty, an angel proclaims, "who is worthy to receive and open the title deed of the earth," ever one looked around and John says he wept because no one is found. As John was weeping one of the resurrected believers points him to Jesus, as John looks over he sees the glorified Jesus whom he described symbolically as the Lion because He's the powerful Messiah, as the slain lamb because He still bears the scares from the cross, as the one who has seven horns because He has all authority, and as the one who has the seven Spirits of God which is the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus comes and receive the scroll from the right hand of the Father, as He dose the multitude responds by falling down before Him to worship and sing of His power and authority, His provision for their sins and His future plan when they would rule and reign with Him in

the Millennial kingdom.

This morning you and I can have heavenly worship on earth, it's by remembering who Jesus is and that He's in our midst. Also it's by responding in worship to what Jesus has done. We worship by bowing our hearts and lives in humility and singing to Jesus out of Joy and love. This morning Let's respond to the grace of Jesus with worship!