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## The Scroll and the Lamb of God

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**TODAY'S READING: Revelation 5** 

Tony Evans describes the scroll "like a deed to the earth. It depicts God's ownership of all creation and His right to hold accountable those who misuse it and thus dishonor Him." With that controlling interest in mind, the question posed is, "Who is worthy to take the scroll from the hand of God Almighty? Who is worthy to break the seal of the scroll? Who?"

Revelation 5:3, "And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it."

Now with all the fanfare and supernatural effects, can you imagine John, in a state of frenzy, awaiting to see what the scroll entails from Almighty God? Only to be told no one is worthy! He wept bitterly. However, all was not lost, one of the elders comforted John and pointed to the Lamb of God, the anointed One of God who conquered sin and death by way of the cross. He stood there in the midst of the creatures with His scars. Only He was found to be worthy.

Revelation 5:5-6, "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."

Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, is the only One worthy to take the scroll from the Almighty's hand. Jesus took His place on the right side of the throne of God. The setting brings to mind the transference of power, authority and ownership. Only Jesus, Him who was obedient to all that the Father commanded and willed, is worthy to be praised. The angels broke out in a new song.

Revelation 5:8-9, "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.'"

These beings are the kings and priests that will reign with Christ and the believers who are raptured from earth, those caught up to heaven. There will be so much joy, they shout out and sing to the majesty of Jesus!

Revelation 5:12-13, "saying with a loud voice: 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!' And every

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creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying, 'Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!'"

This is how the end begins as Jesus takes His rightful place as King of kings and Lord of lords. He will take the reins, the scrolls, from the Father and establish His kingdom. And all those who faithfully follow Him will rule with Him. Will you be counted with the faithful few, my friend? If this is a question in your mind or you would like to know more, reach out to the church office and let us walk alongside you in this effort.

**PRAYER:** Our Father in the heavens, we thank You for Jesus. We thank You for sacrificing Your Son that we might have life everlasting with You. Father, we also thank You for helping us discern the things to come. Please help us ready ourselves, our families and all those we meet for the return of Christ Jesus our Lord. We ask all these things in His matchless name, amen.

**TOMORROW'S READING:** Weekend is for catch-up and review.

MONDAY'S READING: Revelation 6

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