

## Sunday, April 21, 2024

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

**Title:** Enter the Lamb **Series:** Revelation ... 9

**Text:** Revelation 5:1 - 14

Purpose: I want to MOTIVATE my congregation to enter into the heavenly worship being offered now in GLORY!

### Introduction:

~ Revelation 4:1, “After (meta) this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.””

~ Is this illustrative of the rapture?

~ We considered applications to our own time and life.

~ In our consideration of Revelation 4 we took special note of: 1. Come Up Here; 2. Come Into the Throne Room; 3. Come and See the Four Living Creatures; 4. Come and Worship

~ John 4:23, “But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.”

~ In Revelation 5 the worship being given the Father is expanded to the Second Person of the Triune God!

### 1. Behold the Scroll:

~ vs. 1, “Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals.”

~ “written within and on the back,” there is NOTHING to be added.

~ Two main suppositions regarding the scroll: might it be the title deed to creation which was lost at the rebellion of Adam in the Garden of Eden; or, might it be the WILL or Testament of the Father to the Son (Psalm 2:8; Hebrews 1:2; 9:11 – 28).

~ vs.2, “And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll of to look into it.”

~ Take special note of the response in verses 3 and 4:

“And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it., (4) and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.”

~ The response given by one of the elders in verse 5:

“And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

~ tribe of Judah – the right and the power to rule and deliver; the Kinsman Redeemer

~ root of David – not just the son of David but the one before David; the eternal God!

### 2. Behold the Lamb:

~ vs. 6, “And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain (G4969 sphazo – to slay, slaughter, butcher, put to death by violence), with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.”

~ vs. 6 the Lamb is at the center of the throne.

~ vs. 7 the Lamb TAKES the scroll!

~ Daniel 7:13 – 14, “I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. (14) And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.”

~ vs. 8 the response in the Throne Room; what should my response be?

~ Lamb is used 28 times in Revelation.

~ 7 horns – all power, omnipotent

~ 7 eyes – sees all, omniscient

~ 7 spirits – everywhere at all times, omnipresent

~ These are just three of the many attributes of the triune God, and ALL the attributes of God are conditioned by Revelation 4:8b, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

### 3. Behold the Worship:

~ vs. 9 it is a GOSPEL hymn, “And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.””

~ There is a progression in Scripture regarding the Lamb: Genesis 22 it is provided for an individual; Exodus 12 it is for a family; Isaiah 53:8 for a nation; and John 1:29 for all who believe.

~ vs. 9 it is also a MISSIONARY hymn, “ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.”

~ vs. 10 it is a DEVOTIONAL hymn, “and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

~ 1 Peter 2:5 – 10

~ vs. 10 it is a PROPHETIC hymn, “and they shall reign on the earth.”

~ Revelation 20:1 – 6; Romans 8:17 – 23; Isaiah 11:1 - 10

### Conclusion:

In verses 11 – 13 the worship service climaxes with all of earth’s creation joining in worship to the Lamb of God and the Father seated on the throne.