Worthy Is the Lamb

TEXT: Revelation 5:1-14; John 1:29

SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURES: John 1:36; Revelation 7:13,14

KEY VERSE: Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. — Revelation 4:11

The seven-sealed book spoken of in Revelation 5 is generally thought of as a scroll or a series of scrolls, each portion being sealed with an individual seal. It is thought by many that this book has to do with the price and purchase of redemption. God's plan for the salvation of mankind from sin had to be fulfilled before the seals could be broken. As we begin our text we find this question, "Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?"

1. In reference to the seven-sealed book in Heaven, John wept when the strong angel proclaimed that "no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon." He then was comforted by an elder who assured him that there was One who was worthy, One who prevailed. Who was worthy? What is significant about the name which the elder used as a title for Him?

2. In Revelation 5:6, John speaks of seeing a "Lamb as it had been slain." Who is the "Lamb," and what is the significance of the Lamb to the Christian?

3. Why was only the Lamb worthy to open this Book and the seals?

4. After we are redeemed, it is important to offer our thanksgiving and praise through prayer. Verse 8 tells us that these prayers are not wasted. Explain, using our text and Revelation 8:3,4.

5. In Revelation 4 and again in this lesson, the description is given of twenty-four elders and four beasts (or living creatures). What is their position in Heaven (Revelation 4:4,6), and how did they arrive at this exalted state?

6. What was the theme of the “new song” sung by the four beasts and the elders?

7. In our key verse, we read that mankind was created for God’s pleasure. How can mankind live to please God (Hebrews 12:14)? Find at least two additional Scripture references which give other ways to please God.

8. Verses 11-14 speak about the universal worship of the Lamb in Heaven. What are some ways we worship the Lord while we are still on earth?