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Sermon on Heaven's Theme Song

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Rev. 5:1-14

Introduction: A majestic scene in heaven. Angel cries "Who is worthy to open the book and to loose the seals thereof?" (V.2). No man in heaven or earth able. John weeps - elder says' Lion of Judah capable - John looks to see not a lion, but a lamb - All hosts of heaven begin to sing-v. 12. "Worthy is the Lamb." Who is this lamb - John 1:29 - the one who died on the cross, who was for sinners slain. Text says worthy to receive Christians are constantly asking to receive something - 1st forgiveness of sins and salvation; everyday added blessings and one day expect to receive everything in glory. Doesn't Christ want and deserve to receive things from us? The Throng tells us He is wrothy to receive certain things.

I. Worthy to receive power.
   A. German nation considered Hitler worthy to receive power, so they gave it to him in abundance and he used it in the wrong way.
      1. Jesus always uses power in the right way.
      2. He used it to create the world, uses it to save and bless men and some day will use it to raise us up and give us a home in heaven.
   B. All power in heaven and earth - Mt. 28:18.

II. He is worthy to receive riches.
   A. II. Cor 8:9 - He was poor while upon the earth.
      1. preached from a borrowed boat
      2. laid in a borrowed tomb
      3. Seamless robe seems to have been sole possession
   B. This contrast with His riches in heaven and He wants to share those riches with us.
      1. When we come to Him, we become 'joint heirs' with Him.
      2. We now have need to a mansion in glory, Jno. 14:1-3.
   C. God has some poor people on earth who can barely make ends meet, but one day Christ will take them to glory where they shall never lack for anything.

III. He is worthy to receive wisdom.
   A. Wisdom is the ability to rightly apply knowledge.
   B. Solomon prayed for wisdom and God gave it to him abundantly, I Kings 3:2.
   C. When Jesus came He said "A greater than Solommon is here" Mt. 12:42.
      1. He never made a mistake
      2. When chief priests sent officers out to arrest Him, they came back saying "No man ever spake like this man. We did not dare to arrest him."
   D. God promises wisdom to us. James 1:5.
      1. We need it as we daily confront issues of life.
      2. Ps. 37:5. "Committ thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.
      3. If we follow Him, His wisdom shall be ours.

IV. He is worthy of strength.
   A. There is difference between power and strength
      1. A man can be powerful and have no moral strength - Solomon
      2. Jesus was strong - He faced every test and never flinched. He didn't give an inch; Satan couldn't get hold of Him.
   B. In our weakness, we need His strength and He promises it to us.

V. He is worthy to receive honor.
   A. We do a lot of honoring - athletes, musicians, politicians, scientist, etc., etc., etc., Some are less than deserving.
   B. Christ is worthy of all the honor that men and angels give Him considering what He has done, is doing, and will do for us.
   C. John 12:26 - "If any man serve me, him will my Father honor"
VI. He is worthy to receive glory.
   A. On earth, He received none.
      1. born in stable
      2. reared in poor carpenter's home
      3. lonely life, often mistreated
      4. finally crucified
   B. But now, all the glory of heaven is His - God highly exalted Him and gave Him a name which is above every name - Phil. 2:9.
   C. Man going to observe coronation of Edward VII of England
      1. Seeing princes, dukes, earls
      2. but when the king arrived, all eyes left off looking at others and every eye was fastened on the king. Things of this world hold our attention now, but not so when we see the glorious Christ.
      3. All Hail the power of Jesus name!

VII. He is worthy to receive blessing!
   A. Queen Victoria - often visited old folks homes of England - they could add nothing to her glory or her possessions - but many of them would say "God bless your Majesty"
   B. You and I can add nothing to Christ's glory or possessions, but we can say. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy name" Ps. 103:1.

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