

Key Thought: Our certainty in God's future provision secures and unites our witness for Christ.

Key Question: What future descriptions of God's provision give us unity for our witness of Jesus?

Read Revelation 5:6-14

A Lamb: (vv. 6-8)

The evil one pushes false information and lies to create disunity and insecurity. God uses Revelation 5 to do the opposite. He reveals His plan to unite all peoples in the secure love of Jesus in this description of a lamb, a song, and a throng. First, we see the standing Lamb, as though it is slain. What we expected to see was the powerful Lion of Judah in all his strength, who alone is worthy to open the scroll.

1) How does the Lion of Judah show His strength and worthiness to open the scroll?

- Has anyone ever sacrificed much for your sake? How did that help you and even change you?
- Explain the three sets of sevens. 1st, why seven of them? 2nd, what do the three things represent?
- Which of those 3 things brings you the most comfort right now? Explain the reason for your choice.

A Song: (vv. 9-10)

What we see next is heaven and earth joined together to do the will of God by the songs of angels and the musical prayers of the Church. The lyrics of the singers reveal that this unity and security is not just a dream but a heavenly reality. The one who's mercy is so wide that He's saving people of every tribe, language, peoples, and nation, ransoming His beloved by his shed blood is the Lion who became the Lamb.

2) What are we to understand about the prayers of God's people from this future picture of unity?

- "Prayer is not just seeking the greater work of God, prayer is the greater work of God." Explain what happens in us when we pray in concert with God's heart as we see here in Revelation 5.

A Throng: (vv. 11-14)

Finally, we see the singing leading to a throng. We see that there is room for us because of the shed blood of the Lamb. The rumble of His worthiness, the roar of the Lion, and the amen of God's people thunder loudly the reality. Truly it is so! God has provided a way!

3) Why do we sing that "Amen"?

- When we know where we are going and who will be our eternal brothers and sisters it changes our obligations now. What are those obligations even today?
- "See-Say-Do" starts with looking in the mirror. It continues with saying something when we see something wrong in us or around us. Following this, we do what God gives us to do, fueled by His grace. What would be a good next step to help you better "see-say-do", combating prejudices and injustices?

Q's for Kids: (Read Revelation 5:6-14 together)

- 1) What do you think it would be like to have brothers/sisters from all over the world in church with us?**
- 2) Revelation 5 is a picture of the future. How do you think God wants to use you and me to build His kingdom to look like that, full of people unified and praising Him from every tongue, tribe and nation?**