

8/27/23 "The Lamb," Revelation 5, MEV

INTRODUCTION: When did you receive Christ? Where would you be today if He had returned an hour or a day before then?

BOWL... Why does God wait?

MAIN IDEA: Let us worship while we serve God and await His moving. Why? Here are three reasons.

#### I. First, seals

- Cause for waiting, "tension" (2-3, 8)... world continues, suffering continues, some prayers unanswered, salvations continue

- A. God-created...through His power; no one can match
  1. to restrict revelation of God's plan
  2. to time events according to God's foreknowledge

- B. God-limiting...
  1. Access by others... only ONE can open
  2. Harm to...cannot be changed or destroyed

EX: sealed saints (Eph. 4:30, MEV: And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you are sealed for the day of redemption.)

- C. God-purposed
  1. to reveal His plans according to His timing (scroll)
  2. to encourage & educate saints (scroll)
  3. to mark as His possession for security (scroll & us)

#### ILLUSTRATION:

#### II. Second, Savior

- Lion of the tribe of Judah, Root of David, Lamb (5)
  - A. triumphant
    1. slain & living
    2. redeemed us from *all* peoples to God by His blood
    3. made us kings & priests to God with authority to reign in His kingdom (Daniel 7:18, 7:17)
  - B. having complete & perfect power (7 horns)...
    1. against forces of evil
    2. to achieve His will & His purposes

EX:

- C. having complete & perfect knowledge (7 eyes)
  1. the Holy Spirit comes from both the Father & Son, achieving God's will on earth through His saints
  2. empowering & leading the saints
  3. drawing the lost
- D. worthy...because of His mission to the cross

#### ILLUSTRATION:

#### III. Finally, sentiment

- A. worship: joy (took scroll), ~~awe~~ (fell down), thankfulness
- B. among all who exist (8-13)

Philippians 2:9-10, MEV: <sup>9</sup> Therefore God highly exalted Him and gave Him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

- C. expressed through new song (9)
- D. expressed by music (harps) & prayer

- Some unanswered prayers (maybe some partially answered) are being saved for the right time to be answered

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CONCLUSION: Have you ever quit something too quickly? (Trying to unscrew lid...)

We can become frustrated, discouraged. But let us remember the seals, our Savior, and all He has done for us and is working for. Then let us worship.

ALTAR: elders to pray for... any need; seek to be filled, refilled

Let us worship the Lamb of God

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