

SERMON REVELATION 5 - Series 'The future has already begun' #5 with Q's for reflection IBC Eindhoven, 26 January 2020

INTRODUCTION

Recap message chapter 4 - Who is in control - who is on the throne?

THE SCROLL

- * Verse 1-4 The word of Him who sits on the throne = the word of God. Sealed. Bringing John to tears. He does not know what is written, but the fact that the word of God is sealed is enough.
 - * The word of God is life, his promises, and the church prays your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. But how can this happen if his word is sealed? // Isaiah 29:11-12
- * Verse 9 The proof that this is what the scroll is all about, we find in the fact that it is the Lion of Judah who is able to break the seals and open the scroll
 - * Because He was slain and with his blood he purchased men for God. I.e. there is a direct link from the contents of the scroll and the death of Christ on the cross.
- * Remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 5:17 '*I have come to fulfil the law and the prophets*'.

Read John 1:1-4 and 14. Share your thoughts about Jesus the Word of God. How does this help you understand the meaning of the scroll in Revelation 5?

THE LION AND THE LAMB

- * The lion of the tribe of Judah
 - * Genesis 49:9-10 and Numbers 24:7 and 17
- * The Lamb - looking as if it had been slain + 7 horns and 7 eyes
 - * Stunning - in Revelation we read no more about the Lion but only of the Lamb: 28x

Talk about the possible reasons for only mentioning the Lion of Judah once and the Lamb 28x in the book of Revelation.

WORSHIP

- * Many songs of worship in Revelation
 - * 2 in chapter 4 and 3 in chapter 5 (+ ch 7,11,14,15,19)
- * What is worship?
 - * Acknowledging the truth - He is God - we are humans
 - * Acting the truth - Micha 6:8
- * Amen
 - * It is True, Trustworthy, Yes >> 7x in Revelation + 1x in 3:14
 - * 2 Corinthians 1:19-20 - Jesus confirms God's YES to humans - He wills us - He wants us to live - to be like Jesus
 - * Our lives are so often full of nay-saying, rejecting and being rejected. But near the throne of God we are saturated in His YES because of His YES to Jesus, His beloved Son, the Lion of Judah, the Lamb that was slain.

Nowadays we often hear that God loves us unconditionally. We may come to Him just as we are. He does not reject us. But His love for us is through Jesus Christ. How does this clarify God's love for us?

Take time to express your worship of the One who sits on the throne and the Lamb.

HE IS WORTHY

Shane & Shane

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vEZzH-dWDOU&list=FLWOSRvqZpgdvzs19QsjFOW&index=9&t=0s>

Chris Tomlin - with lyrics

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-c6pl6CaiD0>