



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Lord, show them a new revelation of Your love and power. Holy Spirit, I ask You to minister to their spirit at this very moment. Where there is pain, give them Your peace and mercy. Where there is self doubting, release a renewed confidence in Your ability to work through them. Where there is tiredness or exhaustion, I ask You to give them understanding, patience, and strength as they learn submission to Your leading. Where there is spiritual stagnation, I ask You to renew them by revealing Your nearness, and by drawing them into greater intimacy with You. Where there is fear, reveal Your love, and release to them Your courage. Where there is a sin blocking them, reveal it, and break its hold over my friend's life. Bless their finances, give them greater vision, and raise up leaders, and friends to support, and encourage them. Give each of them discernment to recognize the demonic forces around them, and reveal to them the power they have in You to defeat it. In Your name, Jesus. Amen.

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Scripture

Revelations 5 (2005)

Revelation 5:1-14 (AMP)

- ¹ AND I saw lying on the open hand of Him Who was seated on the throne a scroll (book) written within and on the back, closed *and* sealed with seven seals;
- ² And I saw a strong angel announcing in a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the scroll? And [who is entitled and deserves and is morally fit] to break its seals?
- ³ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth [in the realm of the dead, Hades] was able to open the scroll or to take a [single] look at its contents.
- ⁴ And I wept audibly *and* bitterly because no one was found fit to open the scroll or to inspect it.
- ⁵ Then one of the elders [of the heavenly Sanhedrin] said to me, Stop weeping! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root (Source) of David, has won (has overcome and conquered)! He can open the scroll and break its seven seals!
- ⁶ And there between the throne and the four living creatures (beings) and among the elders [of the heavenly Sanhedrin] I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God [the sevenfold Holy Spirit] Who have been sent [on duty far and wide] into all the earth.
- ⁷ He then went and took the scroll from the right hand of Him Who sat on the throne.
- ⁸ And when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders [of the heavenly Sanhedrin] prostrated themselves before the Lamb. Each was holding a harp (lute or guitar), and they had golden bowls full of incense (fragrant spices and gums for burning), which are the prayers of God's people (the saints).
- ⁹ And [now] they sing a new song, saying, You are worthy to take the scroll and to break the seals that are on it, for You were slain (sacrificed), and with Your blood You purchased men unto God from every tribe and language and people and nation.
- ¹⁰ And You have made them a kingdom (royal race) and priests to our God, and they shall reign [as kings] over the earth!
- ¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voices of many angels on every side of the throne and of the living creatures and the elders [of the heavenly Sanhedrin], and they numbered ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands,
- ¹² Saying in a loud voice, Deserving is the Lamb, Who was sacrificed, to receive all the power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and majesty (glory, splendor) and blessing!
- ¹³ And I heard every created thing in heaven and on earth and under the earth [in Hades, the place of departed spirits] and on the sea and all that is in it, crying out together, To Him Who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb be ascribed the blessing and the honor and the majesty (glory, splendor) and the power (might and dominion) forever and ever (through the eternities of the eternities)!
- ¹⁴ Then the four living creatures (beings) said, Amen (so be it)! And the elders [of the heavenly Sanhedrin] prostrated themselves and worshipped *Him Who lives forever and ever.*

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Revelation 5. The Sealed Scroll The theme of chapter 4 is the creative power of God; of chapter 5, the redemptive power of Christ. John continues to describe the scene in heaven.

The sealed scroll. The scroll contains the secrets of the future, the final stage of Christ's redemptive work. All creation wants to know the outcome, but the only way to open the book is to break the seven seals. And only one Person in all of creation can do this, not because He is strong, but because He is worthy—that person, of course, is Jesus. As the seven seals are broken by Jesus, one by one, there comes into John's vision a panorama of the future, rolling on to the end. The opening of each of the seven seals results in terrible happenings on earth. It is not until all the seals have been broken that the ultimate future becomes clear: the new heaven and the new earth—God living with His redeemed and restored creation. The last seal was the most terrible of the seven. When it was opened, it turned out to contain seven trumpets, each of which heralded more disasters. And some interpreters see the seventh trumpet as containing the seven bowls filled with plagues that are poured on the earth before the final end. Thus we see seven seals (6:1–8:1), seven trumpets (8:2–11:19), and seven bowls (chapters 15–16). Many interpreters, however, see the seven seals and the seven trumpets in chapters 6–11 as the complete sequence of judgments. In this interpretation, it is assumed that the seven bowl judgments occur concurrently with the seven trumpet judgments. (However, the bowl judgments are not shown to John until the visions in chapters 15 and 16.) The same event takes place at both the sounding of the seventh trumpet (11:15–19) and after an angel pours out the seventh bowl (16:17–18): all heaven reverberates with the glad hallelujahs of final victory (11:15) as God's wrath is showered on the earth in the form of lightning, thunder, an earthquake, and a great hailstorm. Chapters 12–20 are, then, a retelling of the events of the preceding chapters. The seven seals and the seven trumpets together form the main framework of Revelation and carry the story swiftly forward to the end. Then the writer, following a common literary method of Scripture, returns to the beginning and, starting with chapter 12, begins over again with additional or explanatory details.

The Lion of Judah Is the Lamb, 5:5–6 At the beginning of the book of Revelation, Christ appeared as a warrior in relation to His church. Here he is called a Lion—but when the Lion appears, He is a Lamb. Throughout the remaining chapters Christ is generally called the Lamb. The Lion represents power; the Lamb, sacrifice and ultimate victory. The Lamb has come to power through His death. The secret of Christ's power is His suffering, paradoxical as it may seem. Seven eyes represents all knowledge; the seven horns, all-conquering might. Christ not only knows the future, but He has the power to control it.

The Doxologies, 5:8–14 In 4:8–11 the songs of praise, or doxologies, were sung to the Creator. Here, the first two are to the Redeemer, and the third one to both the Creator and the Redeemer. A new song (5:9): the song of redemption is new relative to the song of Creation. It is a scene of transcendent grandeur: the living creatures, the elders, 100 million angels, and the whole created universe, in ecstasy over the redemption of the human race: "Heaven is the homeland of music." The prayers of the saints (v. 8) are part of this grand doxology! It is at this point that Philippians 2:9–11 will be fulfilled: "Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

"Lamb" is Revelation's favorite name for Christ:

- The Lamb took the sealed book and opened it (5 : 6 – 7 ; 6 : 1) .
- The living creatures and elders worship the Lamb (5 : 8 , 14) .
- 100 , 000 , 000 angels worship the Lamb (5 : 11 – 13) .
- The great day of the Lamb's wrath is come (6 : 16 – 17) .
- Multitudes from all nations worship the Lamb (7 : 9 – 10) .
- Their robes were washed in the blood of the Lamb (7 : 14) .
- The Lamb leads them to fountains of living waters (7 : 17) .
- They overcame Satan by the blood of the Lamb (12 : 11) .
- The 144 , 000 follow the Lamb (14 : 1 , 4) .
- They sing the song of Moses and the Lamb (15 : 3) .
- The Lamb is Lord of Lords and King of Kings (17 : 14) .
- Marriage of the Lamb to His bride has come (19 : 7 , 9 ; 21 : 9) .
- The 12 foundations of the city are named for the 12 apostles of the Lamb (21 : 14) .
- The Lamb is the temple and light of the city (21 : 22 , 23) .
- Only those in the Lamb's Book of Life shall enter (21 : 27) .
- Water of life from the throne of the Lamb (22 : 1 , 3) .

(Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervon; Bible History and Commentaries; pages 929-930)



The Sealed Book: V1 "Book" is scroll in the Greek in this verse. VV1-5 The scroll contains the title deed to the earth. When Jesus gave His life on the cross. He redeemed the earth back to God, but God hasn't taken possession of it yet. VV 9-10 The song of the Church (see chapter 1:6). This song places the Church in heaven during the Tribulation. V11 100 million plus millions will praise the Father and the Son. (New Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; 2005; Chuck Smith; commentaries; page 196)

The characteristics of the lion are totally different from those of the lamb, yet the Lord is recognized as having both qualities in Revelation 5:5, 6.

Someone once gave me a picture of a lion and a lamb lying down together, and it reminds me that I am supposed to be a good, godly mixture of both qualities. I never had any trouble with the lion part, but I had a lot of trouble with the lamb part. When we need to communicate with someone, especially concerning confrontational issues, we should first pray for God's grace and mercy to anoint us as lionhearted lambs. Then we should wait until we have balance in our perspective and approach.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus seems to act in two contrasting ways. He confronts the moneychangers in the temple with lion like intensity, overthrowing their tables and firmly demonstrating God's will to all those who watched Him. He said to them, "The Scripture says, My house shall be called a house of prayer; but you have made it a den of robbers" (Matthew 21:13). Yet in other places, we see Jesus as a lamb, standing falsely accused, without speaking one word in His own defense (Matthew 27:12-14).

What are we to learn from His communication patterns? He was a lion when He needed to be and yet always a lamb—He never sinned or failed to be excellent in speech. It is a challenge not to defend yourself when someone comes against you. It is difficult to ignore insults and shun retaliation.

Isaiah 53:7 says that Jesus "was oppressed, [yet when] He was afflicted, He was submissive and opened not His mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth."

Sometimes I find that one of the hardest things God asks us to do is be Christ like in our communication with others. When people are rude and tell you off, mistreat, or insult you, it is hard to look at them with godly love and just wait on God.

Thank God, He gives us the power to change and to become like Christ—a healthy person who knows when to be a lion and when to be a lamb.

Psalm 1:1-6 (AMP)

1 Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. Ps 26:4; Prov 1:10; Prov 1:15; Prov 4:14-15; 1Cor 15:33; Eph 5:11;

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law does he meditate day and night. Deut 6:6; Deut 17:19; Josh 1:8; Ps 119:1;

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper. Jer 17:8;

4 The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind drives away. Job 21:18; Ps 35:5; Isa 17:13; Isa 29:5; Hos 13:3;

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

(Word 9 Software; 2005; Bibles; concordance; Sermons of past pastors; history; Devotionals)
(The Everyday Life Bible; Amplified; 2005; Joyce Meyers; Scripture; commentaries; pages 2129-2130)

Psa 119:105

**Thy word [is] a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path.**



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