

“The Predicament”

Revelation 5

Intro:

- * Talk about a predicament that causes grief & seems to have no solution.
- * Illustration:
- * This is the essence of Revelation 5.

Reflecting on the Word: What do we see about the predicament that causes grief?

1. The Weeping (5:1-4)

1 I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals.

(God has redeemed the earth but has not yet taken possession of it. The scroll sealed up with 7 seals was the title deed of the land being bought back by a kinsman redeemer; they were given 7 years to buy back the land)---Matthew 13:44

Jeremiah 32:6-29; Leviticus 25:48-49; 27:13-31; Genesis 1:26; 3:17-19; Romans 5:14; Ephesians 2:1-3; 1 John 5:19; Matthew 4:8-9; 2 Corinthians 4:3-4; Ruth 2:1; 3:12-13; 4:1-22; Matthew 1; John 12:31

2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?”

3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the book or to look into it.

4 Then I began to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it;

2. The Worthiness (5:5-10)

5 and one of the elders said to me, “Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals.”

6 And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.

7 And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

8 When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

9 And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

10 “You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.”

3. The Worship (5:11-14)

(Heaven goes from weeping to worshipping because of His worthiness)

Romans 15:17-18; Romans 12:1-2

11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,

12 saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.”

13 And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, “To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.”

14 And the four living creatures kept saying, “Amen.” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Responding to the Word:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4qV2IDNmAJc>

Calvary Chapel Fellowship “The Title Deed of the Earth” Revelation 5:1-14