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The Throne Room!

Lesson Text: Revelation 4-5

Focus Verse: Revelation 5:5 - And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

Truth About Covenant: Being in covenant gives us peace that God is in control and has a plan to redeem His creation.

Covenant Context: We come to the last book of the Bible and to the breathtaking revelation of Jesus Christ. In the first few chapters, we are awed to see Jesus as the Lion and the Lamb. Revelation 5 gives us a visual image of God's covenant plan to redeem humanity through His shed blood on Calvary. Although chaos will soon overwhelm the earth, peace reigns in Heaven because God is on the throne in Heaven.

Isaiah wrote of the Messiah: *"He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth"* (Isaiah 53:7). This description would seem to depict an act of weakness, the Messiah meekly submitting to the dominance of humanity, but a much deeper power was being released in Jesus' obedience to death on the cross. In fact, Isaiah concluded the chapter with these prophetic words: *"Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors"* (Isaiah 53:12). Sometimes a loving act of submission unleashes far greater power than any show of strength, as Revelation 4-5 will reveal.

Revelation 4 is a beautiful chapter that sifts our vision from the chaos on earth to the glory in Heaven. John's vision of Heaven opened on a single throne and one who sits upon it. God is literally surrounded by praise (Revelation 4:8). All creation knows they must worship the one who is greatest—the Creator. The highest purpose of all God's creation is to praise its Creator, but since humans are created in His image, we have the unique opportunity to choose to worship Him. That makes our praise special. When we choose to cast the crowns of our own pride and worth at His feet, it makes our praise especially sweet. Coercion does not force the twenty-four elders to fall to their knees in worship; adoration and awe do.

In Revelation 5 Heaven worshiped our Creator as God our Redeemer. Philippians 2:10-11 tells us, *"That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."* Far too often people have treated the Book of Revelation with fear and uncertainty, but we should find deep and abiding hope in this book. It reveals how Jesus' sacrifice saves us from sin on an individual level and unlocks the whole of eternity. We have hope because of the Cross. Our Lord is in control, and He has already won the victory.

God's church is truly a global church. The song (Revelation 5:12-13) celebrates our redemption from sin, and our victorious future as He makes us kings and priests to reign with Him on earth in days to come. Jesus is still the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. There is no other way to the Spirit of God but through the gospel. There is no ultimate victory, no redemption, without Him. He is *"the way, the truth, and the life"* (John 14:6). People put their trust in many things, but anything except Jesus is destined to failure. So, give God your past, live for Him in the present, and trust Him with your future.

Jesus said, *"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid"* (John 14:27). Peace is closer connected to the presence of purity than the absence of conflict. The Book of Revelation shows us that one simply cannot expect the absence of conflict in the last days. We certainly have ample evidence of that all around us.

Revelation 4 and 5 show us that Heaven is full of praise, worship, joy, and peace, even as the storms of the last days batter the earth. We can have peace even in these tumultuous last days in our world because Jesus, the Lamb, has already overcome the world.