

REJOICING BEFORE THE THRONE
REV. 5:8-14

Introduction:

- A. God has a book that must be opened.
 - 1. It is written inside and outside.
 - 2. It is sealed with seven seals.

- B. Only Jesus Christ can open it.
 - 1. No man is found that is "able."
 - 2. He is the Lion of Juda, the Root of Jesse.

- C. What happens in heaven when He takes the book to open it
 - 1. The 4 living ones?
 - 2. The 24 elders?
 - 3. The angels? Messengers?

I. WHEN JESUS TAKES THE BOOK. v8

- A. They fall down before the lamb.
 - 1. Now they worship the lamb.
 - 2. They have harps.
 - 3. They have golden vials full of incense.

[The prayers of the saints are kept in golden vials, the ones that say, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done."]

- B. They sing a new song. v9,10
 - 1. new = kainos = newly made, not merely recent, but different from that which had been formerly; something not yet used. Every new act of the Lord deserves a new song. "Something for the Occasion."
 - 2. "thou art worthy," No man was! "to take the book and open the seals thereof."
 - 3. "for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation."
 - a. slain = sphazo - to slaughter.

- b. redeemed = agorazo - to be in the agora, to buy, to purchase, acquire for one's self by a price duly and freely paid. [By the Blood!]
 - c. kindred = phule - a union of individuals. tribe
 - d. tongue = glossa - language.
 - e. people = laos - the mass of any people.
 - f. nation = ethnos - the Gentile nations.
4. "And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall rule on the earth."
- a. kings = basileia - a kingdom.
 - b. priests = hierous = he who has the care of the sacrifices, servants.
 - c. rule = basileusousin = to be a king, to rule as a king, to reign, basileuo, fut. act. ind.
 - d. earth = ge - the earth, land, ground as cultivated.

II. THE ADORATION OF JESUS CHRIST. V11-14

- A. The numberless creatures. v11
- 1. "many angels."
 - 2. 4 beastes, 24 elders.
 - 3. Ten thousand times ten thousand times thousands of thousands.
- B. "saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive, power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing."
- 1. power = dunamis - the power of God.
 - 2. riches = ploutos - much, abounding in wealth.
 - 3. wisdom = sophia - cleverness, skill, right use of knowledge.
 - 4. strength = hischus = an endowed strength.
 - 5. honour = time - esteem, respect, value.
 - 6. glory = doksan -
 - 7. blessing = eulogia - good speaking, praise, also thanksgiving = eulogy.

- C. "And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying." v13
 - 1. creature = ktisea - the product or result of creation.

- D. "Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power."
 - 1. blessing = eulogia - good speaking, praise.
 - 2. honour = time = respect, intrinsic worth.
 - 3. glory = doksa - splendor, opinion.
 - 4. power = dratos - superior force, strength.

- E. "Be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever."
 - 1. God sits on the throne.
 - 2. The Lamb is Jesus Christ.

- F. "And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever."
 - 1. The four living ones.
 - 2. Worshipped.

III. A WORD ABOUT WORSHIP.

- A. God deserves our worship.

- B. God wants our worship.

- C. The church is a place of worship.

