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“BEING A RESTORED HUMAN”

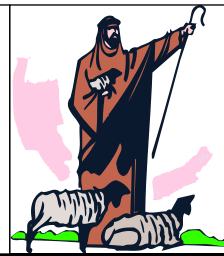
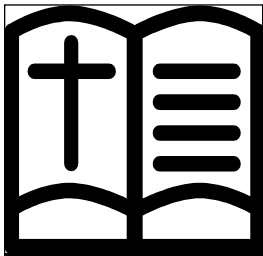


“WORSHIPPING THE LAMB ”

REVELATION 5:8-14

I. WHEN THE LAMB HAD TAKEN THE SCROLL

- A. *The only One worthy in the whole cosmos—a living, slain lamb, the lion of Judah, the root of David*
- B. *Takes the scroll from the outstretched hand of God without objection*
- C. *The worship intensifies and moves to the Lamb as its object*
 - 1. *The worship had already been going on, focused on the One seated on the throne - eternity and sovereign creation—initiated by the living beings, joined by the elders*
 - 2. *Now both the living beings and the elders initiate this worship together focused on the worthiness of the Lamb!*
 - a. *The living beings are like the cherubim in Ezekiel*
 - b. *The elders (old ones) are the watchers, the divine council, the holy ones, the sons of God who have remained faithful; not men but elohim or angels; ministering spirits*
 - *They have thrones already Col 1:16*
 - *They have been around a long time*
 - *They sing the song WITH the living beings who are not saved men*
 - *The song’s lyrics are better read: “...You were slain and have redeemed to God out of every tribe and tongue and*



people and nation and have made THEM kings and priests and THEY shall rule on the earth.”

- c. *The 24 elders have the harps and the bowls of incense identified as the prayers of the saints. REMINDER: Pray without ceasing*
- *These are the prayers of all the saints from after the fall until now...*
 - * It is the prayers for delivery from the tyranny of the wicked one...*
 - *It is the pleas for His kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.*
 - *They have just connected the desires of the kingdom of earth and the kingdom of the heavens...*
- d. *These 28 angelic beings who have been with God from the beginning now acknowledge that the lamb has died in the place of those who were condemned and redeemed them to God, setting them free from the tyranny of sin, death and the wicked one. He is worthy now to complete the task by opening the scroll!*
- e. *The contagion of that praise in a redeemed cosmos redounds among the angels and spills over to all the rest of creation.*
- f. *Now the full agreement of the living beings and the extended worship of the elders*