



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Revelation 5:1-10

I, John, saw a scroll in the right hand of the one who sat on the throne. It had writing on both sides and was sealed with seven seals.

Then I saw a mighty angel who proclaimed in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?"

But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to examine it.

I shed many tears because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to examine it.

One of the elders said to me, "Do not weep.

The lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, has triumphed, enabling him to open the scroll with its seven seals."

Then I saw standing in the midst of the throne and the four living creatures and the elders a Lamb that seemed to have been slain.

He had seven horns and seven eyes;

these are the seven spirits of God sent out into the whole world.
He came and received the scroll from the right hand
of the one who sat on the throne.

When he took it,
the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders
fell down before the Lamb.

Each of the elders held a harp and gold bowls filled with incense,
which are the prayers of the holy ones.

They sang a new hymn:

“Worthy are you to receive the scroll
and break open its seals,
for you were slain and with your Blood you purchased for God
those from every tribe and tongue, people and nation.
You made them a kingdom and priests for our God,
and they will reign on earth.”

Our Scripture Reflection

John has a vision in which he sees a scroll containing the words of God. It is a most important scroll because it has seven seals, seven being the perfect or complete number. Only One is worthy to open this most important scroll, The Lamb, Jesus Christ.

Food for your Journey

A Christian writer once asked a shepherd what the term “blood of the Lamb” meant to him. The shepherd thought a moment and replied, “Every year, when the lambs are born, something inevitably happens. There is a lamb that dies. The ewe, its mother, will not nurse another lamb. There is also usually a ewe that dies; its lamb has nowhere to nurse. So I take the blood of the dead lamb, and spread it upon the living lamb, and the dead lamb’s mother will nurse it, care for it, make it her own.” They become kin, if you will.

—Michael J. O’Brien, “The Lamb of God,” colesvillepresbyterian.com.

Prayer from the Heart

Precious Lord, I pray that with Your Grace You make me holy and true and worthy to be Your disciple. Amen.

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