**R842Rumination for 14 March 2021 by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme: **He is Worthy** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *Who is* ***worthy*** *to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?* Rev. 5:2

The **T**hots:

Intro. ***Worthy*** occurs **F**our times in Revelation chapter **F**ive, as **F**ollows:

1. **The Poser** – ***Who is worthy*** ***to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?* Rev. 5:2**
2. The **S**even-**S**ealed **S**croll. (*book*, KJV) – It was Completely **S**cripted and **S**ealed with **S**even **S**eals. 5:1

*A book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.*

1. The **S**tipulation **S**tated – The Person must be **W**orthy [*axios* = of the right **W**eight on a **S**cale]

 *Who is* ***worthy*** *to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?*

1. The **S**pecification of the **S**tated task: *to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof*
2. The **S**croll - What is this **S**croll (*biblion,* cf. Bible)? – A **R**evelation of Future Judgments. Rev. 6:1ff
3. The **S**eals – Controlling the **S**equence of Judgments to be **R**eleased. Rev. 6:1-16
4. **The Problem** – **A*nd I wept much, because no man was found worthy***

 ***to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon*****Rev. 5:4**

1. General**ly**, no man, yea, no one, is worthy to open the scroll.

*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;* Rom. 3:23; 5:12;

*For the wages of sin is death…; You…were dead in trespasses and sins;* Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:1

*There is none righteous, no, not one…there is none that doeth good, no, not one.* Rom. 3:10-12

1. Specifical**ly**: *No man* [Gk. oudeis, i.e., no one, “no-thing”] *in heaven, nor in earth,*

*neither under the earth, was able `to open the book, neither to look thereon.* Rev. 5:3

1. **The Person Worthy… Rev. 5:9**

*And they* ***S****ung a new* ***S****ong, saying, Thou art* ***worthy*** *to take the book, and to open the* ***S****eals thereof:*

1. The **S**ad **S**ituation: Rev. 5:4, 5 See #B above

John was **S**ad and he **W**ept and **W**ept (lit. *much*), *no man was found* ***Worthy*** *to open and to read the book*

1. The Glad **S**olution –

An Elder **S**aid: “*Behold…”* there was **O**ne found **W**orthy… *to* ***O****pen the book…* Rev. 5:5a

1. He was *the* ***L****ion of the tribe of Juda;* 5:5b
2. Judah was the **D**eclared royal line and **J**esus was from **J**udah’s Line to be King. Gen. 49:10

*The* ***S****sceptre shall not depart from Judah…until* ***S****hiloh come;*

1. Jesus was a **D**escendant of Solomon therefore qualified to be King. Matt. 1:6

*Jesse begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon…*

Thus, Jesus was the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Worthy King to open the Seals!

1. He was also of the **L**ineage or *the Root of David.* Rev. 5:5c
2. Jesus was from the **L**egal **R**oyal **L**ine of Solomon, a son of King David. See #b (i) above.
3. Jesus was also the **R**eal Son of Mary, the descendant of Nathan, another son of David.

*And Jesus Himself… was the son of Nathan, which was the son of David.* Lk, 3:23, 31; II Sam. 5:14

*These be the names of those that were born unto him* [David] *in Jerusalem;*

*Shammua, and Shobab, and* ***Nathan****, and* ***Solomon****…* II Sam. 5:13, 14

* Jesus was from the **L**ine of King David, the Worthy King to open the Seals. Rev. 5:5

[He] *hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.*

1. He *stood* [out as] *a* ***L****amb as it had been slain….* Rev. 5:6
2. Jesus was the Lamb of God **Sl**ain in our **S**tead, Buried, and Risen again

and today is Crown *King of Kings and Lord of lords*. Cf. Rev. 19:16

1. He, therefore, is **Worthy** to open the **S**croll and the **S**even Seals. See #D below
2. **The Proclamation: *Thou art******WORTHY***. **Rev. 5:12**
3. The **S**inging of the New **S**ong. Rev. 5:9, 12

*And they sung a new song, saying,* *Thou art* ***WORTHY*** *to take the book, and to open the seals thereof:*

*…Saying with a loud voice,* ***Worthy*** *is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.*

1. The **A**cclamation of the **R**edeemed Saints – *for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed* ***us*** *to God*

*by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation* Rev, 5:9

1. Cf. The **A**ffirmation of the t**R**ibulation Saints – Rev. 7:9-12

*After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb…And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb…and worshipped God… These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

1. Today, let us all join in to **S**ing this new **S**ong that indeed **our Lord is Worthy** and **W**orship Him.

*Jesus, our Lord, with what joy we adore Thee, Chanting our praise to Thyself on the throne!*

*Blest in Thy presence, we worship before Thee, Own Thou art worthy, and worthy alone.*

*Lord, Thou art worthy: Lord, Thou art worthy; Lord, Thou art worthy, and worthy alone!*

*Blest in Thy presence, we worship before Thee, Own Thou art worthy, and worthy alone!*

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**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 842**

1. The following people felt **unworthy** to stand in the presence of God or Jesus Christ:
2. **Isaiah** felt **Unworthy** in the **P**resence of the Lord of Hosts: Isa. 6:5
3. He heard the **A**cclamation of God’s **P**erson – God is Holy. Isa. 6:3

*And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts:*

1. He saw the **A**scription of God’s **P**raise – *the whole earth is full of His glory.*
2. He felt **A**bsolutely Unworthy in face of God’s Sovereign **P**reeminence. Isa. 6:5

*Then said I, Woe is me! for I am* ***Undone****; because I am a man of unclean lips,*

*and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips:*

*for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.*

1. **The Centurion** felt **Unworthy** to have the Lord under his roof. Matt. 8:8; Lk. 7:6

*Speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.*

1. He **A**cknowledge the Lord’s **A**uthority – *the centurion…said, Lord.*
2. He **A**dmitted he was ***not Worthy*** *that Thou shouldest come under my roof.*
3. The Lord **A**ppreciated his humili**ty** and faith, and granted him his request: Matt. 8:13

*And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed,*

*so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.*

1. The **Christian** not taking up his **C**ross is **Unworthy** of the Lord.

Consider therefore the following **C**hallenges: Matt. 10:32-38

1. *He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not* ***worthy*** *of Me:*

*and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me is not* ***worthy*** *of Me.* 10:37

1. *And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after Me, is not* ***worthy*** *of Me.* 10:38
2. Cp. *Whosoever shall deny Me before men, him will I also deny before My Father*

*which is in heaven..* 10:32, 33

1. **John, the Baptist** **C**onfessed his **Unworthiness** when **C**ompared to the Person of Jesus.
2. *There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes*

***I am not worthy*** *to stoop down and unloose.* Mk. 1:7; Lk. 3:16a

1. John could only baptise with water,

But Jesus would baptise with the Holy Spirit. Mk. 1:8; Lk. 3:16b

*I indeed have baptized you with water: but He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.*

*He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me,*

*whose shoe's latchet* ***I am not worthy*** *to unloose.* Jn. 1:27

How do you prepare yourself to come into God’s Presence? Do you sense His Presence when you appear before Him when attending a meeting in fellowship with His people?

Be Reminded of His Promise: *For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.* (Mt. 18:20).

How would you prepare yourself to come into God’s Presence especially these days when you “meet” Him via Zoom in a virtual meeting because of the MCO restrictions?

Do you still show Him the same respect and reverence for Him in your posture, dress, etc. as you would when you meet with the others physically? **REFLECT**

1. Consider also your Preparation to Participate at the Lord’s Supper. As you take part in the breaking of the bread and drinking of the cup, how would you prepare yourself that you might be worthy of such Privileged Participation to remember the Lord? I Cor. 11:28-30

*Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.*

*For he that eateth and drinketh* ***unworthily****, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself,*

*not discerning the Lord's body.* *For this cause many are weak and sickly among you,*

*and many sleep.*

How can you be eating of the bread and drinking of the cup unworthily?

How can you discern the Lord’s body when participating at the Lord’s Supper?

This is a serious matter as doing so unworthily may cause the Lord to punish a participant with sickness or even death. That was what happened to the Christians at the Church in Corinth - *For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep*. R**EFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:** *How can you show proper spiritual Discernment, Deference*

 *and Reverence at the virtual on-line Lord’s Supper?*