

True Hope

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***Then I began to weep greatly
because no one was found worthy
to open the book or to look into it...
~Revelation 5:4 (NASB)***

1) Responding To Almighty God

- A) As noted last week, everything surrounding the throne of God reflects His “Almighty” glory (Revelation 4:8). The “four living creatures” (4:6-7; cf. Ezekiel 1, 10; Isaiah 6) all worship Almighty God without ceasing, which almost immediately expands to the 24 elders (4:9-11).
- B) Nothing is more appropriate than to orient our lives to Almighty God and worship Him with our lives. This is the essence of Christ’s prayer, “Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:10).

2) Hope Only Comes From Jesus Christ

- A) In the midst of worship, John sees a two-sided scroll on the right of God’s throne, “sealed with seven seals” (5:1, cf. Isaiah 29:10-14; Daniel 12). John weeps bitterly as the call for someone to open and read this important scroll is unanswered in both heaven and earth (5:2-4).
- B) One of the elders orders John to “STOP YOUR CRYING!,” as the hopeful answer to John’s woes are provided in a wondrous and worshipful description of Jesus Christ (5:5). He is both the fulfillment of promise and THE overcomer who is able to open the sealed scroll of future events!