

“Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” (Revelation 5:11-12).

I. Our *Intermediate* Heavenly Activity As We Wait

- a. This activity is going on now at this moment. (Read Revelation 5)
- b. You will be aware, to some degree, of activities and events on earth. (Rev. 6:10)
 1. Our *saved* loved ones are conscious. They have emotions and can have conversations.
 2. The word *soul* is the Greek word *psuche*, which is a person’s distinct identity. This is the real you.
 3. Upon death, your *soul*, if saved will be ushered into heaven (1 Peter 1:8-9; 1 Peter 2:24-25).
- c. Upon arrival, you will recognize and communicate with believers who preceded you to Heaven.
 1. On the Mount of Transfiguration, Peter was able to recognize Moses and Elijah.
 2. They were not in the same body and they talked to Jesus.
- d. You will participate in the magnificent worship with angels and believers before the throne of God and Christ. What most stands out to you in this scene?
 1. In heaven the worship is focused on God and His character.
 2. Right now, thousands of angelic beings and your loved ones, who believed in Christ, are worshipping the Almighty God.
- e. **Three unique titles** are given to describe our Lord Jesus Christ.
- f. The Lion of the tribe of Judah (Genesis 49:8-10). Judah is the tribe of kings. The *lion* speaks of dignity, sovereignty, courage, and victory (Matthew 1).
- g. The Root of David, which means Jesus brought David into existence. Jesus is preexisting and eternal, meaning He is the beginning and the end (Matthew 22:41-46).
 1. His is both *the root* (divinity) and *from the root* (humanity /Mary). Divinity begot humanity.
- h. The Lamb represents the person and work of Christ. God provided a divine, yet human sacrifice.
 1. O.T. question (Gen 22:7) / N.T. answer (John 1:29)
- i. In the Garden of Eden, sin separated our divinity from our humanity. However, in eternity, our divinity will be rejoined to our humanity. (1 John 3:2)
- k. The symbolic understanding of the Lamb conveys spiritual truth. Seven is the number of *perfection*.
 1. **Seven horns** (perfect power); **Seven eyes** (perfect wisdom); **Seven Spirits** (perfect presence)
 2. **Omnipotence** (perfect power); **Omniscience** (perfect wisdom); **Omnipresence** (perfect presence)
- j. The Lamb is the center of all that occurs in heaven. All creation centers in Him (the four living creatures and the elders) (creation and people).

II. Application and Practice

- a. We grieve the passing of loved ones, but the hope in God’s Word tells us this life is not all there is.
- b. There is a reality we must all wrestle with, some that will love will be there and others will not.
- c. Heaven is a relational place. Who is the one person that you are looking forward to spending time with in Heaven?
- d. Based on what you have learned so far about Heaven, how does this inform/aid your evangelism efforts? And how would you now encourage someone cope with the passing of a loved one?