

"THE LAMB ON THE THRONE"**Introduction**

1. The Bible is perfect as a revelation of God's will: from beginning to end
2. The threefold structure of the world
3. Here we see heaven unveiled

1. A VISION OF HEAVEN: Chap. 4

- 1) John in spirit enters the "third heaven":
 - (i) the door
 - (ii) the trumpet-voice
 - (iii) "here after"

APPLICATION: The believer will enter some day.

- 2) The panoramic view of heaven:

- (i) the throne
- (ii) God in glory
- (iii) 24 seats – the elders – robes – crowns
- (iv) 4 beasts (better: "living beings")

- 2) The behaviour of these beings

- (i) v.8-9 glory to God
- (ii) v.10-11: the reverence and honour to God

APPLICATION: What a vision! What reverence!

2. A VISION OF CHRIST: Chap. 5:6

- 1) The book in God's hand: 5:1

- (i) what is it?
- (ii) none worthy
- (iii) the grief of the apostle

- 2) The exception: a Lion and Lamb, "as it had been slain". The Cross,

the great climax of history.

- 3) The vision of Christ:

- (i) after ascension
- (ii) coronation
- (iii) "in the midst of the throne" (v.6)
- (iv) "all authority" to save his elect and to govern the world till the end

OBSERVE:

- a twofold kingship of Christ
- he will give back the kingships to God in the end

- 4) The Saviour who loved us is King

APPLICATION: Not to be anxious; but faithful.

3. A VISION OF THE HAPPY END OF BELIEVERS

- 1) The rest of this chapter is one great symphony of praise to God and to Christ: See v.8-9, 12-14

- 2) The happiness of heaven here.

- (i) the plan of redemption is in the safe hands of Christ:
- (ii) what a multitude! (v.11)

OBSERVE: We are soon to join them!

- (iii) "every creature" (v.13) is here praising God!

OBSERVE: How dead this world is.

CONCLUSION

The Alleluia chorus and Queen Victoria.

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149: 1 – 5

149: 6 – 9

150: 1 - 6