

THE UNLIKELY WARRIOR

Scripture: Revelation 5

Introduction:

- A. The title of the last message was – “Command Headquarters.” This message is entitled “The Unlikely Warrior.”
- B. This all sounds like war. It is war – the war of all wars – the war to end all wars – the war between God and Satan.
- C. The Book of Revelation speaks of war no less than eight times.
 - 1. Revelation 11:7 reads *And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.*
 - 2. Revelation 12:7 declares *And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels.*
 - 3. Revelation 12:17 declares *And the dragon was wrath with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.*
 - 4. Revelation 13:7 declares *And it was given unto him (the dragon) to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindred, and tongues, and nations.*
 - 5. Revelation 17:14 declares *These (ten kings) shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.*
 - 6. Revelation 19:11 declares *And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doeth judge and make war.*
 - 7. Revelation 19:19 declares *And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.*
- D. Where there is war, there is need for a Command Headquarters and a supreme leading warrior to take the fight to the enemy.
- E. Chapter four revealed the Command Headquarters.
- F. Chapter five continues with a view of the Supreme Commander sitting on His throne holding in His right hand a book; a book sealed with seven seals. This book contains God’s battle plans.
- G. Chapter five also reveals a frantic search for someone worthy to open the seals. The supreme Warrior is found and is identified as The Unlikely Warrior.

I. LET US LOOK AT THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION OF TIME AND ETERNITY.

- A. Many questions of great importance have been asked.
 - 1. What must I do to be saved?
 - 2. Who will go for me?
 - 3. Know ye not that ye are not your own?

4. Who say ye that I am?
 5. What will you do with Jesus?
- B. All are important, but the most important of all is “Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?”
- C. This is true because all others are meaningless should heaven lose this war.

II. LEARN SOMETHING OF THE SEARCH FOR THE ANSWER.

- A. Verses 3 and 4 speak of a failed search.
1. Heaven was searched; earth was searched; and a search was made under the earth; but NO MAN was found worthy to open the book, neither to even look upon the book.
 2. It was crying time. John wept much because no man was found worthy.
- B. Verses 5 and 6 reveal heaven’s search.
1. An elder said unto John, “Weep not.” One has been found that is worthy.
 2. The Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the book and loose the seven seals thereof.
 3. John looked and saw in the midst of the throne and the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders the One who was worthy.
 4. A Lamb stood there; a LITTLE Lamb. (A different Greek word is used for the word “lamb” in the Book of Revelation.) The Lion of the tribe of Juda is viewed as the LITTLE Lamb.
 5. Here is where I found the title of this message – a little Lamb going up against the archenemy of God, the prince of the power of the air; the devil as a roaring lion seeking to destroy whom he may devour; the one who Michael the archangel dared not stand up against.
 6. His choice was like Samuel seeking what son of Jesse God had ordained to be king of Israel – David was the youngest, the weakest and the last to be shown – a most unlikely one to be anointed as king, but he was God’s choice.
 7. His choice was not unlike the choice President Roosevelt made in picking the Admiral of the Pacific Fleet after the great loss at Pearl Harbor. He picked a junior admiral, Chester Nimitz, and advanced him over a number of senior admirals. He was an unlikely choice.
 8. God’s LITTLE Lamb was an unlikely choice in the eyes of man; but He was God’s choice.
 9. This Lamb is One that has been slain and lives again.
 10. This Lamb has seven horns which signify His Omnipotence.
 11. This Lamb has seven eyes which signify His Omniscience.
 12. This Lamb has the seven Spirits of God signifying His fullness of the great Triune God
 13. This LITTLE Lamb is sent forth into all the earth to engage the devil in the war of the universe.

III. LEARN OF THE APPROVAL OF GOD’S CHOICE. Vs. 8-14

- A. Verse 8 reveals the four beasts and the four and twenty elders falling down before the LITTLE Lamb.
1. These also are prepared to provide music for a new song.
 2. These also bring before LITTLE Lamb the prayers of the saints – prayers prayed for 2000 years for the time when the Lamb of God would come back to earth, set up His kingdom and cause God’s will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

- B. Verses 9 and 10 reveal a new song being sung – a song of blood redemption for the peoples of the earth and future greatness for all the redeemed.**
- C. Verses 11 and 12 reveal all heaven singing with loud voices their approval of the LITTLE Lamb.**
- D. Verse 13 reveals the whole creation saying, *Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto HIM (the Father) that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the LITTLE Lamb for ever and ever.***

IV. LEARN HOW THE ETERNAL SPIRITUAL ENTOURAGE REACTED. Verse 14

- A. The four beasts said “AMEN.”**
- B. The four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped Him –that liveth for ever and ever.**

CONCLUSION:

- A. Folks, this was written about 2000 years ago. God’s people have been praying for this to be fulfilled for all these years. All signs are pointing to a very soon coming of the LITTLE Lamb of God – the Lord Jesus Christ—to fill full this lesson.**
- B. Are you ready? Have you repented of your sin and trusted Jesus to save your soul? Are you as a saved person prayed up and lived up and happy with your dedication to the God who saved you?**
- C. Fathers, My Father’s Day thought for each of us is –Thank God the Father for sending His only begotten Son to this earth so we could be saved. AND may we live our lives before our sons to help insure that they will hear the Lord say “Well done,” to us and them.**

