

“The Reality of Worthiness”
Revelation 5:1-14

On www.biblegateway.com, there is a free *Asbury Bible Commentary* that would be a good companion to your Scripture Readings.

Keep reading the scriptures out loud as John intended (Rev. 1:3).

Monday - Revelation 6:1-8

Dr. Mulholland* says we see two dynamics: the first rider (Jesus) coming to victory over rebellion to God. The other three are Satan’s destructive and dehumanizing rebellion. Who will we “ride” with?

Tuesday - Revelation 6:9-11

NT Wright** says “unless we look deeper, to the ancient patterns of conquest, violence, oppression and death itself we shall not begin to understand what needs to be done if the world is to be healed, really healed rather than merely patched together for a few more years.”

Wednesday - Revelation 6:12-17

“The lamb’s anger is the utter rejection, by Love incarnate, of all that is unloving. The only people who should be afraid of it are those who are determined to resist the call of love.”**

Thursday - Revelation 7:1-8

The 7th seal is opened in ch. 8. Here is a “seal” on the 144,000 (symbolic of Christians), like a king putting an identifying mark in wax. While evil does its worst, nothing will hinder the ultimate rescue of God’s people who have been stamped by His love.

Friday - Revelation 7:9-12

Those rescued by Jesus celebrate God’s victory & their deliverance.

Saturday - Revelation 7:13-17

Sunday - Revelation 8:1-5

Prayer and God’s action mix here. “When we truly make ourselves available to God to be a means of grace to this world, then the disruptive, disturbing, troubling, transforming presence of God will begin to become incarnate in and through our lives.” (Mulholland)

*Dr. Robert Mulholland, Jr., Cornerstone Biblical Commentary.

**NT Wright, Revelation for Everyone.

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You are UNWORTHY

“There is none righteous, no, not one... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:10, 23 NKJV)

He is WORTHY

Philippians 2:6-11

Which proves your WORTH

“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.” (Revelation 4:11 NRSV)

And frees us to live WORTHILY.

“Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.” (Ephesians 4:1 NLT)