

IMPLICATIONS OF THE SLAIN LAMB ON THE THRONE

1. The Price Of Our Sin – A Slain Lamb

- Every time God the Father looks at the throne, He sees again, the price of our sin. Our sin cost Him His greatest possession – His dear Son.
- Isaiah 53:7, NIV – *(7) He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.*

2. The Focus Of God’s Attention – A Slain Lamb

- Every time God looks at the throne, He sees a slain lamb, not our sin.
- Should we stay far more pre-occupied with our past sins, than with the Son. Or shall we become so pre-occupied with the Son, that we’re liberated from the burden of our wrongdoing, and the guilt and the shame of our sin?
- We need to take what is most important in heaven’s eyes, and God’s eyes, and make it most important in our own eyes and hearts.
- We need to place the Son above our sins. We need to place the Son’s suffering on our behalf above our sins, so that we focus on what the Son has done right, and not on what we have done wrong
- Ephesians 2:6, NIV – *(6) And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.*
- God is not preoccupied with the last 5 things you have done wrong. God is preoccupied with what His Son has done right for you.
- Every time we celebrate Easter, God is trying to remind us again, that there is a slain lamb, standing in the centre of the throne, capturing the attention of Father God.

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The Significance Of Easter To God The Father

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INTRODUCTION

1. The Event Of The First Easter

2. The Significance For Us Today

- You cannot understand the significance of the cross of Christ for your own life, until you first understand the significance of the cross of Christ to God the Father.
- Before the cross of Christ can have a real impact on you, you need to know the impact it’s having on God the Father.

REVELATION OF THE SITUATION ON EARTH

- Revelation 1:1-2, NIV – *(1) The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who testifies to everything he saw -- that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

REVELATION OF THE SITUATION IN HEAVEN

- Revelation 4:1-11, NIV – *(1) After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” (2) At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. (3) And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian. A rainbow, resembling an emerald, encircled the throne. (4) Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them*

were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. (5) From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. ...

- Revelation 5:1-10, NIV – *(1) Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. (2) And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" (3) But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. (4) I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. (5) Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals." (6) Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. ... (9) And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.*

1. The Scroll

2. The Lamb

- Revelation 5:6, NIV - *(6) Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne.*
- a) A Young Lamb
 - “Lamb” = “arnion” (Greek) = “a little lamb, a young lamb”
 - Exodus 12:5

b) A Young Lamb, Just Slain

- “As if it had been slain” = “sphazo_” (Greek) = “just slain, very recently slain, slain just moments ago”
- Literally “as if it had just been slain”

c) A Young Lamb, Just Slain, Still Standing

- When the Passover lamb was slaughtered, its throat was cut while it was standing up, and it could take up to a full minute or so, for the lamb to collapse and fall over.

d) A Young Lamb, Just Slain, Still Standing, Forever

- “As if it had been slain” = present perfect participle
- The condition that it is in, at this moment, is the condition it will be in forever
- Even in the distant future, the lamb will still appear as if it had just been slain, just a moment ago

THE CENTRAL REALITY OF HEAVEN

1. What God Sees

- Every time Father God looks at the throne, He sees the slain lamb, but still standing
- That is the picture that is the central truth of heaven
- That is the picture that is to be the central truth of our Christian life

2. The Central Reality Of Heaven

- The central reality of heaven is the lamb on the throne, having just been slain, but still standing
- In the book of Revelation, Jesus is referred to as a “lamb” 29 times