

Introduction:

Text: Revelations 5:1-13

1. The significance of the face
2. The sequence of our response:

1. Expectation
2. Exposure
3. Effect

I. THE EXPECTATION OF THE SAVIOR (v. 5)

1. His Power (Gen. 49:9)
2. His Position (Gen. 49:10)
3. His Pedigree (Is. 11:1; Jer. 23:5; Rev. 22:16)
4. His Proof (1 Jn. 5:4-5)

II. THE EXPOSURE OF THE SAVIOR (v. 6)

1. His Character (Gen. 4:2; Ex. 20:24; Lev. 13:47)
2. His Classification (Jn. 1:29; Is. 4:11)
3. His Condition (Is. 53:4-5)

III. THE EFFECT ON THOSE WHO WORSHIP THE SAVIOR

1. We worship not according to our situation but on the sovereignty of God. (v. 6)
2. We worship not according to our circumstance but on the character of God. (v. 11)
3. We worship not for our personal agenda but to accomplish the purpose of God. (v. 13)

CONCLUSION

Let us worship the Lion and the Lamb!

1. Take turns reading Revelations 5:1-13.
2. Can you share to the group a personal story of expectation vs. reality?
3. How was Jesus our Savior expected to appear according to verse 5? What do the following descriptions of Him tell us? (You can use the references for more insights)
 - * Lion (Gen. 49:9)
 - * Tribe of Judah (Gen. 49:10)
 - * Root of David (Is. 11:1; Jer. 23:5; Rev. 22:16)
 - * Triumph (1 Jn. 5:4-5)
4. How did Jesus' appearance change from what is expected? How is the Lamb described according to verse 5?
5. What do we reckon from this expectation-reality principle of the Lion and the Lamb?
6. How can we apply the following principles of worship:
 - * We worship not according to our situation but on the sovereignty of God. (v. 6)
 - * We worship not according to our circumstance but on the character of God. (v. 11)
 - * We worship not for our personal agenda but to accomplish the purpose of God. (v. 13)
7. Close the Life Group meeting by singing "How Great is Our God" by Chris Tomlin.

PRAY!