

The marvellous creation of God. In Revelation here we find that the satisfactory explanation of life was not given by simply seeing the power of God, or seeing His holiness. In fact His holiness makes the problem of life seem all the more difficult. So in the next ch. the vision goes on to show the problem: How can we interpret life with this great marvellous holy triune God and yet sinful man? How can you answer the problem? So we read in v. 2, "I saw a mighty angel . . . (reading through v.7). So the natural human being reading this far says, See the great lion coming, the great conquering king, the great powerful one. But the next verse says, I saw the lamb looking as though it had been slain standing in the center of the throne. He looks for a great lion and he sees a lamb. And Jesus Christ is both. He is the great conquering king, the great ruler, the great creator. He is God. There is only one God though three persons in the Godhead. And v. 7, He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. And when he had taken the scroll . . . (reading vv.8-10). Then the praise to the Lamb is repeated again in vv. 12-13. So our first look that is so important for the day of prayer is to look at God, and I'm including under that looking at the second person of the triune God. Looking at Jesus Christ who give his life as a lamb slain for us. If we were just to spend the day thinking of God, thinking of Jesus Christ and what he's done for us surely it would be worthwhile. But as we think of our lives and think of our needs there are other looks that we need to take, and it is vital we also take them on the day of prayer.

So we must look at the second look that is far less attractive than the first look. We find that when God gave Isaiah a vision of His power, that Isaiah turned immediately to this