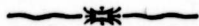


strong angel proclaims the question, a ransomed sinner ("one of the elders") it is that points to the only One who can answer it. And who is this only worthy One? Oh! who but the meek and lowly King of Matthew xi.—who "at that time" answered, and who now in all that blaze of glory alone can come forward—"the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David," "a Lamb as it had been slain," He it is who alone—even in heaven, as on earth—can ever give answer to God. He alone—who, as the slain Lamb, sustained the judgments of God—can take the book and execute those judgments.

Oh! "weep not" (Rev. v. 5) then, over what God has to write upon man, whether on earth, or in heaven; but, in the life, the death, the resurrection, the ascension, the present place and offices, and the coming glories of that Blessed One—trace with adoring heart the One, and one only unvarying answer to God.

View it yet again when millennial glories are filling the earth—God's King swaying the sceptre, and—forever, in the eternity that lies beyond, when all things shall have been brought into subjection to Him, and the Son also Himself subject unto Him that put all things under Him, thus giving His eternal answer to the Father, having as its eternal fruit: "God," "all in all."



"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."