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Revelation 4:1-11

My congregation has had 10 funerals in the last two months, and I just received a telephone call asking me to participate in an upcoming memorial service. We have almost come to the place during the week, when seeing anyone from the congregation, we ask, "Has anyone else died this week?"

Women of the church have prepared funeral dinners, florists have delivered large sprays of flowers, musicians have furnished the music, friends and neighbors have extended their sympathy, and pastors have prepared sermons of comfort for the families. In the end funeral hearses have taken the families to the cemetery for that final goodbye.

In Revelation 7:12, it says that those worshiping the Lamb speak of praise, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, and strength due to God forever and ever. He who sits on the throne provides shelter, food, water, and protection from the scorching heat. Our key verse today includes three promises: the Lamb will be their shepherd, He will lead to springs of living water, and He will wipe away every tear. What comfort to be shepherded by the Lamb. Just think. The tears will be gone.

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