

Heavenly Worship Here on Earth

Revelation 4-5

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I. What is worship?

➤ Worship is an attitude of reverence to God, which results in praise to God for who He is and thanksgiving for what God has done.

- Old English: “worth-ship”

Matt 4:10, Deut 6:13: “You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.”

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I. What is worship?

➤ Worship is a foretaste of the joy of heaven.

Rev. 7:9: “I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, ‘Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.’”

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I. What is worship?

➤ Worship is a foretaste of the joy of heaven.

Rev. 5:13: “Every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, ‘To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.’”

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II. What should we worship about God?

➤ Who He is

- His magnificent attributes

Rev. 4:8: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come.”

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II. What should we worship about God?

➤ Who He is

- Creator of the universe

Rev. 4:11: “Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.”

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II. What should we worship about God?

➤ What He has done in redemption in Christ

Rev. 5:12: “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.”

Rev. 5:9: “You are worthy; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.”

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II. What should we worship about God?

➤ What He has done in redemption in Christ

- Jesus should be worshiped as God equally with God the Father

Rev. 5:13: “To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.”

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II. What should we worship about God?

- True worship requires an accurate understanding of God.

“the essence of idolatry is the entertaining of thoughts that are unworthy of God”

—A. W. Tozer

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III. What attitudes should we have in worship?

➤ Submission to God (Rev 4:10; 5:8, 14)

Rev. 4:10: “The twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne”

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III. What attitudes should we have in worship?

➤ Awe and reverence

Isa 6:1, 5: “In the year of King Uzziah’s death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. . . . ⁵Then I said, “Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.”

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III. What attitudes should we have in worship?

➤ Awe and reverence

Heb 12:28-29: “Let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire.”

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III. What attitudes should we have in worship?

➤ Joyful celebration

Rev. 5:9; 14:3: “they sang a new song”

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III. What attitudes should we have in worship?

- Total focus on God

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IV. Why is worship so important?

- Worship acknowledges our proper place in relationship with God.

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IV. Why is worship so important?

- Worship is an entire life oriented towards God.

1 Cor. 10:31 : “Whatever you do, . . . do all to the glory of God.”

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IV. Why is worship so important?

- Who you will worship is the most important decision you will ever make.

Rev 14:6-7: “I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people; and he said with a loud voice, ‘Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters.’”

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IV. Why is worship so important?

- One day every creature will submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Phil. 2:10-11: “At the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”