

WORSHIP - BELIEVERS EXPERIENCING GOD

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Introduction Session Five: Heaven's pattern for worship

Scripture and Memory Verse: *Revelation 4:7*

Introduction

Jesus said, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve" (*Matthew 4:10*). It is interesting to note that Jesus did not say "praise and serve." Even the briefest examination of the word praise in the Bible quickly shows it is a verbal thing and is for the most part singing. Worship, however, is from the heart. Worship [manifests](#) itself in praise. Serving God is [worship](#), and Scripture is clear we will serve God in heaven. "His servants will serve Him" (*Revelation 22:3*).

We are unable to fully serve God in this life due to sin, but in heaven "every curse will no longer be" (*Revelation 22:3*). We will not be under the curse of sin any longer, so everything we do will be worship in heaven. We will never be [motivated](#) by anything other than our [love](#) for God. Everything we do will be out of our love for God, untainted by our sin nature.¹

Knowing God's Standards

God is abundantly clear in His Word; He is the only One to be worshiped. As we read in *Genesis 1:1* – God is our Creator, in Him we find the beginning of [all](#) things. He established our lives, our worship, our everything. While we are all creations of God, not all are children of God. The children of God have our commands, worship Him in spirit and truth (*John 4:24*) both here on earth and hereafter in Heaven. He is [worthy](#)!

As we look this week at the worship that is taking place in Heaven and place God's standards against our own lives and churches, may we be ready and willing to [hear](#) what the Holy Spirit is saying to us, the church today, and be quick to make the necessary adjustments to bring ourselves in line with God's Word.²

Key Point

From what we observe in the worship in Heaven, worship does not stop with the proclaiming of God's greatness, His holiness, and His awesome activity in creation and redemption, but

¹ <https://www.gotquestions.org/doing-in-Heaven.html> - Randy Alcorn

² WBEG - Authors: Henry T. Blackaby & Ron Owens Publisher: LifeWay Church Resources 2001 pg.90

we find the hosts of Heaven “responding” to the One on the throne. Worship is [incomplete](#) without [response](#) to the One we are worshipping.

The God we worship is the One who has absolute [authority](#) and complete sovereignty over all things, including you and me.

When we worship, we acknowledge the foreverness of God! We proclaim the eternity of the One who sits on the throne (*Revelation 5:3*). If then, God is eternal, He is worthy of our deepest love and our most profound adoration and thanksgiving forever.³

Scripture and Truth

Let us look read Scripture for a [peak](#) into the Throne of God and see Heaven’s pattern of worship (**Revelation 4:1-11 AMP**): After this I looked, and behold a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice which I had heard, like *the sound* of a [war] trumpet speaking with me, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things.”

At once I was in [special communication with] the Spirit; and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with One seated on the throne. And He who sat there appeared like [the crystalline sparkle of] a jasper stone and [the fiery redness of] a sardius stone, and encircling the throne *there was* a rainbow that looked like [the color of an] emerald. Twenty-four [other] thrones surrounded the throne; and seated on these thrones were twenty-four elders dressed in white clothing, with crowns of gold on their heads.

From the throne came flashes of lightning and [rumbling] sounds and peals of thunder. Seven lamps of fire were burning in front of the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God; and in front of the throne *there was something* like a sea or large expanse of glass, like [the clearest] crystal. In the center and around the throne were four living creatures who were full of eyes in front and behind [seeing everything and knowing everything that is around them]. The first living creature was like a lion, the second creature like a calf (ox), the third creature had the face of a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes all over and within [underneath their wings]; and day and night they never stop saying, “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY [is the] LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY [the Omnipotent, the Ruler of all], WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME [the unchanging, eternal God].”

Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanksgiving to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and they worship Him who lives forever and ever; and they throw down their crowns before the throne, saying, “Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they exist, and were created *and* brought into being.”

³ WBEG - Authors: Henry T. Blackaby & Ron Owens Publisher: LifeWay Church Resources 2001 pg.96, 102,108