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**Heavenly Worship**

**Revelation – Part 6**

**Revelation 4-5**

**If we want to discover what authentic worship looks like we need to look to heaven!**

**1. Authentic worship takes place when we are in the Spirit.**

**Then as I looked, I saw a door standing open in heaven, and the same voice I had heard before spoke to me like a trumpet blast. The voice said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after this.” And instantly I was in the Spirit… Revelation 4:1-2**

**It was the Lord’s Day, and I was worshiping in the Spirit... Revelation 1:10**

**To be in the Spirit means…**

* **We are born of the Spirit.**

**Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. John 3:5-6**

* **We are filled with the Spirit.**

**Don’t be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, Ephesians 5:18**

**When we are in the Spirit our spirit**

**connects with God’s Spirit.**

**2. Authentic worship focuses on the one of the throne.**

**…and I saw a throne in heaven and someone sitting on it. Revelation 4:2**

**The word for “throne” is found 17 times in Revelation 4 and 5.**

**There is no authentic worship without**

**God on the throne.**

**Because God is on the throne…**

* **He is the focus of worship, not us.**
* **Our worship flows out of a spirit of humility.**
* **Worship acknowledges God’s rule and reign in our lives.**

**3. Authentic worship is filled with praise.**

**…Day after day and night after night they keep on saying, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty— the one who always was, who is, and who is still to come.” Revelation 4:8**

**And when he took the scroll, the four living beings and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp, and they held gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of God’s people. And they sang a new song with these words: “You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals and open it. For you were slaughtered, and your blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. And you have caused them to become a Kingdom of priests for our God. And they will reign on the earth.” Revelation 5:8-10**

**Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders. And they sang in a mighty chorus: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered— to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.” And then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They sang: “Blessing and honor and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever.” And the four living beings said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped the Lamb. Revelation 5:11-14**

**4. Authentic worship involves giving.**

**The twenty-four elders fall down and worship the one sitting on the throne (the one who lives forever and ever). And they lay their crowns before the throne. Revelation 4:10**

* **We give ourselves.**
* **We give our valuables.**