

SRMBC Family Bible Study

Revelation - The Triumph of God

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Lesson 4: Worship the All-Powerful Lamb

Revelation 4 – 5

What will heaven be like? What we want it to be? As a door to heaven opens in these chapters, our best ideas fall flat, far short of reality. We are shown a vast scene of beauty and worship around a glorious throne. Whatever heaven will actually be like, we do know that our holy, awesome God will be in the center of it.

Group Discussion. What was the most significant worship experience you have ever had, and what made it so special?

One of my greatest worship Services here at the Rock Jan 20, 2019:

- It was a day of inclement weather – most of the Churches were closed.
- Lynette and the Choir sang to Him who sits on the throne – the worship was amazing.
- We prayed for Min Durrell Brown to send Him on His missions trip to Thailand.
- It was also the Sunday that Sania made a decision for Christ.

Read Revelation 4

1. What images or impressions come to your mind from John's description in verses 3, 6, and 7? (Note his use of metaphor, indicating the inadequacy of language to define what he saw.)

The Description of God's Glory

- God is an awesome and powerful (Much greater than the Wizard Of Oz)
- God's Glory is impressive, majestic with beauty that is beyond compare.
- God's Person, Character and Faithfulness and Mercy (note the rainbow) is far above our situation(s).

The Value Of Describing God's Glory

- It is a never – ending quest to experience the fullness of His Glory.
- It is new and refreshing – each time. The more we see or experience the more of God
- It creates an invitation/desire for others to experience His Glory for themselves.

2. How do the twenty-four elders offer comfort to the reader? Identify them with some of the overcomers in chapters 2 and 3.

The Twenty-Four Elders	The Overcomers
They Fall Down in Worship.	Thyatira - And he who overcomes ...I will give power over the nation... (2)
They Cast Down their valuable Crowns before the throne.	Sardis – Robed in white garments (3:4 – 5)
They declare the worth of the Lord to receive all worship.	Philadelphia – No One will take your crown (3:11)
They acknowledge/proclaim His authority	Laodicea – They would sit on/around the throne (3:20 – 21).

The twenty-four elders represent the glorified children of God. Some scholars suggest they are the twelve tribes and the twelve apostles who represent God's family under the Old and New Covenants.

3. Remembering that John must use figures of speech to explain what he sees, what might be symbolized by the description of the four living creatures (verses 6–9)? Describe their activity and the effect it has on those around them.

The Four Living Creatures	When They Praise
They Lift Up their voices in Praise.	The elders fall down and worship Him
They praise continually – as if that is what they were created for.	The elders cast their crowns before the throne
They can acknowledge the holiness and character of God.	They loudly proclaim the Praise of Jesus
They direct all of their Praise to the One on the Throne	They ascribe Power, Glory, Holiness and Riches to the All power Lamb of God.

4. How does the holiness of God affect both the creatures and the elders? How do their descriptions of God affect you (verses 8–11)?

Description of God	Affect
Holy, Holy, Holy,	God is Holy – there is none like Him
Lord God Almighty,	God is all Powerful – He can do anything
Who was and is and is to come!"	God is Eternal -form every lasting
"You are worthy, O Lord,	God deserves our Worship – Just for who He is
To receive glory and honor and power;	He deserves our all and our best worship
For You created all things,	He is the Creator – of me and all things – complete authority
And by Your will they exist and were created."	God sovereignly controls and sustains all things

The Elders and Creatures

- The Give Continuous Praise
- They Give Awe-filled Expressive Praise
- They give Prophetic/Intimate Praise
- They Give Humble/Submissive Praise
- They Give Contagious Praise

Read Revelation 5.

5. How is John's distress over the unopened scroll relieved?
 - An announcement in Heaven is made to John not to weep (There is a Word ...)
 - Jesus the Lion of tribe of Judah – God's champion was /is predestined.
 - The Lion/Lamb has overcome Satan, sin, Hell, Death and the grave.
6. God the Father has authorized Jesus to be the Only One worthy to open the Scroll (Matt 28:19 – 20). Contrast the description of the triumphant Lion of Judah in verse 5 with what John actually sees in verse 6. How can both descriptions be true at once? Why is the Lamb worthy to open the scroll?
 - The Lion – Represents Power, Authority & Strength (Gen. 49: 9 – 10)
 - The Lamb – Represents the deep Love of God and the self-sacrifice of Jesus (Isa, 11:1).
 - Jesus is worthy to Open the scroll for He is the Word and Has sacrificed His Life a and conquered death for sin.

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7. When we worship God, we need appreciate His power majesty and authority – But also His deep and perfect love for us. What makes up the praises in this chapter? Whose voices join those of the living creatures and the elders? What feelings does the crescendo of joyful praise evoke in you?
 - The 24 Elders – laying their crowns
 - The four living Creatures
 - The angels in heaven - numbering 10,000 X 10,000
 - The whole earth - every creature on the earth, under the earth.

O that we would join in the worship of heaven in unqualified Praise and Worship of the Most High God!!!

8. What impressions do you have of the greatness of Jesus Christ? What do you learn about the meaning of worship?

- Our Worship Is For Jesus Alone.
- He Deserves Our Very Best Worship.
- Based On All That Jesus Has Done For Us – We Owe Him Worship.
- Jesus' Love, Mercy And Faithfulness Gives Us A Great Joy In Worship.
- We Never Need To Be Ashamed To Worship The Lord.
- When We Worship Jesus, We Are Agreeing With And Joining The Elders And Angels In Heaven.

Take time now to worship the Lamb and the One who sits on the throne.

Keys For Living



While there are many ways that we can worship God, we need to fully understand that there is only One God to worship.



Jesus Christ as our Saviour, Lord and King is the Center of Worship. All glory, honor and praise belong to Him and Him alone.



When we worship God, we give Him what He deserves – because He is worthy, and He gives us Himself, because He is gracious, merciful, and loving.