

What Happens When a Church Worships | Part 2

Lesson 4

Revelation 4:1-11

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Laugh Again

INTRODUCTION

God is the creator of all things, who exists beyond time and space, the beginning and the end. As such, He is worthy of worship. He, **alone**, is worthy of worship for everything that we see, everything we know. And everywhere we can be has ultimately sprung from His hand.

To praise God is to recognize this fact, to confess that God is the highest power, that He is able, that He made each of us and knows us exactly as we are. Worship itself is an act of sacrifice, of time and devotion and love, acknowledging that God is our source, God is our strength, God is our guide and God is our ultimate rest.

As we worship our Lord, we are connected to Him. Worship brings us close to Him in a way that cannot be overstated. As we give God glory and praise, we ourselves receive the peace and power of His Holy Spirit. And a church that worships is a church that remains connected to Him, guided by Him, trusting in Him completely.

Memory verse: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."—Revelation 4:8b

Pray, and read Revelation 4:1-11. What questions or observations do you have about this passage?

OBSERVATION: What does the passage say?

1. How does John describe his condition after the angel tells him to “Come up here...”? (Revelation 4:2)
2. What is John seeing, and to what does he compare it? (Revelation 4:2-6)
3. How does John describe the four living creatures? (Revelation 4:7-8)
4. What are the living creatures and the elders doing constantly? (Revelation 4:8-11)

5. What characteristics are ascribed to the one who sits on the throne? (Revelation 4:8-11)

INTERPRETATION: What do the passages mean?

1. Who is sitting on the throne, surrounded and worshiped by the living creatures and elders? (Revelation 1:13-18)

2. What is the significance of describing the Lord or His throne as appearing like jasper, ruby, emerald (v. 3), and a sea of glass that is clear as crystal (v. 6)? (Exodus 28:17-20; Ezekiel 1:26-28)

3. Why do the elders fall down before God and lay their crowns before the throne (v. 10)? (Deuteronomy 33:3; Revelation 7:11, 11:16-17)

4. What reason do the elders give for their devotion to and worship of the almighty God? Why is He uniquely qualified to be worshiped?
(Acts 14:15; Revelation 4:11, 5:8-10)

APPLICATION: How do the passages apply to your life?

1. Worshiping God is like a recharge for our spirit. When you worship God, how do you feel during and afterwards? How does worship redirect your thoughts and motivations?

