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Applying the Preached Word



A Sight of Worship In the Throne Room

Rev 4 - 5

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Text: Revelation 4 & 5

Main Point

Worship reveals what really matters

Key Ideas

The Worship around the throne reveals

1. Rev. 4 - A Glorious Creator

- Words cannot explain the scene around the throne, they can only describe it.
- The descriptions of the creatures should not be the focus, it's what they say that matters.
- The worship of God the Creator brings comfort to people in difficult times - which is the case of the original audience of this vision. The reality of heaven is not disrupted by the turmoil on earth.
- Worship opens our eyes to the sovereignty of God over all things in our lives.
- Scripture strengthens us by declaring who God is. Our suffering will pass, but the God who holds us will never lose us.
- Our worship reminds us that God holds us together moment by moment.
- The world drains the awe of God out of us. It constantly preaches that we are sufficient in ourselves and don't have need for the Creator and Sustainer of all things.

2. Rev. 5 - A Worthy Savior

- Only the Lamb is worthy to open the seals of God's plan, because only the Lamb is able to fulfill the plan of God to redeem the world.
- When we gather for worship we display the Gospel story.

We declare our awareness of God's glory

We confess our awareness of our sinfulness and need of mercy from God

We express trust in the atoning work of Christ for our sins

We declare thankfulness that we are forgiven sin and made righteous in Christ

We boldly go to God with our needs and burdens because of the finished work of Christ

We go out to declare the worship of God to others.

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Fellowship Starters

Treasure - Application to stir our love for Christ

1. Read Rev. 4-5. List all of the words that speak of God's glory. Read back through and list of all the words or phrases that speak to the atonement. How would you describe the message of these two chapters?
2. What are some experiences you've had in life where you were in awe of God's glory, as a foretaste of heaven?

Grow - Application to stir our obedience to Christ

3. Joseph described how we are to come to worship in his second point. How do you come to church on Sunday morning and how can this help you better engage God in the experience?
4. As a family or small group are there any ways you can help each other come to Sunday morning worship prepared to meet with God?

Proclaim - Application to stir our witness for Christ

5. If you were to bring someone to church how can this message help you explain the experience a new person might have?