

# Pursuing Resilience in Revelation | Power to Be Rooted in Worship

Revelation 5:11–14 (NET): “Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels in a circle around the throne, as well as the living creatures and the elders. Their number was ten thousand times ten thousand—thousands times thousands—all of whom were singing in a loud voice:

“Worthy is the lamb who was killed  
to receive power and wealth  
and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and praise!”

Then I heard every creature—in heaven, on earth, under the earth, in the sea, and all that is in them—singing:

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be praise, honor, glory, and ruling power forever and ever!”  
And the four living creatures were saying “Amen,” and the elders threw themselves to the ground and worshiped.”

“Experiences of renewal which are genuinely from the Holy Spirit are God-centered in character, based on worship, an appreciation of God’s worth and grandeur divorced from self-interest. Such experiences create humility in the convert rather than pride and issue in the creation of a new spirit of meekness, gentleness, forgiveness and mercy. They leave the believer hungering and thirsting after righteousness instead of satiated with self-congratulation. Most important, their end result is the performance of works of mercy and justice.” -Richard Lovelace

## Discover

### **I) At the heart of heaven is an eternal worship service.**

Revelation 5:11-12 NASB1995

[11] Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, [12] saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.”

- The heavenly elders, the four living creatures, and countless numbers of angels are worshipping the Lord with all that they are at all times.
  - Everything they do is rooted in worship, since all that they do brings glory to God.
  - Their work is worship, their singing is worship. Their declarations are worship. Everything they do is worship.
- They worship the Son for all that He has done, and declare His victory for all of eternity.
  - Because Christ was slain, perfectly submitting to the Father in all obedience, He has received...

- All power
  - All wealth
  - All wisdom
  - All might
  - All glory
- Satan tempted Christ with these things instantly, but Christ held out, playing the long game to receive the better and lasting inheritance from the Father.
  - Like Christ, we must keep our eyes on God always, remembering that we are after a greater prize than anything this world can offer us.
- Heaven's heart is worship, and Earth is destined to become a part of heaven, so true Earth culture is rooted in worship also.

## **II) What has started in heaven is spreading out to fill every place in the entire universe.**

Revelation 5:13 NASB1995

[13] And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever."

"For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, As the waters cover the sea." -Habakuk 2:14

- When we are actively building a culture of worship in our church, we are bringing the reality of God's throne room into our world.
- When we are actively building a culture of worship in our homes and in our greater community, we are echoing the truth of God's word which declares that His Kingdom influence will indeed expand into every place in heaven and on earth.

## **III) The greatest of all creatures in the universe have their lives centered on worship.**

Revelation 5:14 NASB1995

[14] And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

- True greatness begins and ends with worshiping Christ rather than with self-promotion or personal pursuits.
  - To the extent that our lives are centered on Christ, we are living in sync with what is most good and most true in the universe.
    - Mark 8:35 NASB1995 "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it."
  - The world tells us to pursue self over all else, to "do you," and to "follow your heart." Yet when we choose to live this way, we are out of alignment with the lives of the greatest beings in the universe. To be truly great means to be centered on Christ.

# Nurture

Who is God? He is the Father eternally exalted and Son forever slain and raised.

What has God done? He was slain, raised, and has done everything necessary to inherit an eternal kingdom which He has included us within.

Who are we? We are His people, a part of His eternal and infinite concert of worship who have the joy and privilege of bringing the reality of His kingdom to bear on our world.

What will we do? We will do God's will on earth as it is being done in heaven by building a culture of worship in our church, our homes, and in our greater community.

# Act

1. We are called to prioritize Christ in our lives (1 Peter 3). We do this by devoting ourselves to prayer and to the word of God, not merely treating God as an elective add on but as our everything.
2. We are called to prioritize Christ in our homes, teaching the word to our kids, good doctrine, and bathing our families with prayer.
3. We are called to take our gospel message to the streets, joining Christ in building a culture of worship wherever we are.