

EDGEMONT BIBLE CHURCH

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“BEING A RESTORED HUMAN”



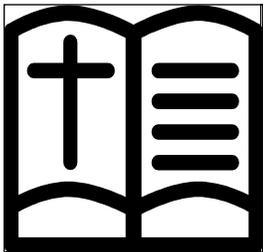
“THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL: WORSHIP HIM”
THOUGHTS ON WORSHIP
REVELATION 4:1 -5:14

**I. THE PRIORITY OF WORSHIP AND THIS ONGOING
WORSHIP SERVICE**

- A. *It is going on when John arrives by invitation into the presence of God. He is already in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day. Worship is the response of being in the presence of God. Hindrances to worship*
- B. *Worship is the purpose of our redemption*
Eph 1:3-14
- C. *Worship is the call of the everlasting gospel 14:7*
- D. *Worship will one day be universal*
- E. *Worship is the environment in which the will of God is conducted and the goodness of God experienced*
- F. *The events from chapter 4 through 22 are all done from this worship service. Expectations?*

**II. ON THE THRONE OF GOD, HEAVEN, AS THE
STATING POINT OF ALL THINGS; HIS KINGDOM
RULES OVER ALL**

- A. *The throne of God, His Sovereignty, is where the will of God is considered, declared and initiated*
- B. *It is fitting then that this scene of worship should be the announcement of the judgment of God on the years of rebellion against Him*
- C. *The connection of worship and judgment. All the judgment has been committed to the Son*



III. ON THE WORSHIP OF THE LAMB

- A. *The worth of the Lamb - God and man; perfection of person, perfection of role and perfection of position*
- B. *The centrality of the Lamb - it is the Lamb who saves, not some system of works, not some process of spiritual behavior, not even careful obedience to the Bible. He is the One worshipped.*
- C. *The work of the Lamb - God is redeeming the whole cosmos, not just people; but people and their relationship to the angels who rebelled are at the root of it; two realms divided must be brought back together. The prayers of the saints fill the room.*
- D. *The reversal of the great divorce, the Tower of Babel—Genesis 10, 11 tribe, tongue, people, nation*
- E. *The universal worship of the Lamb Rom 8:18-23*

IV. ON THE LAMB OPENING THE SEALS OF THE SCROLL - THE WORSHIP GOES ON!

- A. *The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy - prophecy is the story of redemption by Jesus*
- B. *This scroll is the one sealed in Daniel 12 and is the account of the 70th week in Daniel 9*
- C. *Each seal of the scroll contains the actions of God in reconciling heaven and earth. They are the unfolding of removing His restraints and then to His very active, intervening wrath. Every broken seal gets progressively worse in its wrathful action. He is still being longsuffering and patient not willing any should perish*