

(Clip) Reconizing the On-Going Worship in Heaven

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Scripture: Revelation 4:8, Revelation 4:10, Revelation 5:11, Matthew 6:10, Hebrews 12:1

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Transcript

Sure, everything's good between us and and that we're one body because we don't dare Come to the body divided But beyond that be on just recognizing the body there. They also Recognized what was going on in heaven. I think this is so good Okay, we read Revelation 4 and 5 we quoted from it You know you read it during the worship time today We read it last week as a church and what's going on in heaven right now It's this picture of these high angels, right? But are screaming.

Holy. Holy. Holy as they're looking at God You've got the 24 elders and there no that no one is dropping their crowns at the feet of Christ You've got a hundred million angels all Worshipping Jesus right and you got every single creature, you know, it's time on these end times We're just all looking at Christ It's beautiful No one showed up.

There wasn't like one angel that came over. It was like hey, what about me? You know, my wing hurts. It's just It's it's it was everyone's focus was on the throne and What do we pray when we pray the Lord's Prayer Lord on earth as it is in heaven Those early believers They would they would They would see themselves as joining the believers in heaven the angels in heaven the saints in heaven Christ in heaven They saw this as a time where heaven and earth come together and So imagine all of that worship is going on in heaven right now Okay, for living creatures going.

Holy holy, holy it's 24 elders just Dropping their crowns all their achievements everything. They are we laid at the feet of Christ That the martyrs are there Angels are there Everyone staring at the king. This has been going on.

This was going on before we got here this morning That's why we're not saying hey, let's start worship No, no, let's join the worship that was going on all night long Okay all night long. Do you do you think about yourself like that? We're all night long this worship was going on and so then we're kind of sneaking in the back You know, it's just like it's just like right here. Okay, like earlier we were singing songs of worship Okay, what if as we were singing, you know suddenly Rachel shows up and stops it all and goes Okay worship can start.

I'm here now That would just be so ugly right Why do you do that so Instead what's the right thing to do for her just to go home man That's beautiful worship going on. I just want to slip in the back and join them in worshipping God and in the same way that early believers would see themselves as Sneaking into the back almost like oh this worships been going on in heaven and we're just joining ourselves with them and so Recognizing the body to them had to do with recognizing the people in front of them but also recognizing those Because from Christ's perspective he sees friends of ours right now who have passed away, right? In fact, they wouldn't even call people dead that were in the church because if we're in Christ we never die He just say the departed we don't see them But they're still worshipping God probably in a greater way than we were so they take time to even remember Those who passed away and remember that they're in the presence of God and there's a communion Going on with us and they because isn't it crazy that they're in Revelation 4 and 5 they're still worshipping Christ for what he did on the cross The two things going on there. They're worshipping God the father for his holiness like man You're like no one else Are you just so far beyond us and Christ who died and sits on his throne the lamb who was slain? Worthy are you and that's what we want to do in all of our gatherings is have this intense.

Oh We're joining the angels God telling you or you are holy and we want to remember the body and blood of Christ And we want things on earth as they are in heaven And so because of that I'm not coming up making this about me and walking away going. Oh, I didn't really like it No, because that's not the way it is in heaven. And so that's not the way we're gonna do

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