

WORSHIP ON EARTH AND IN HEAVEN

A. OBSERVATIONS on WORSHIP in the EARLY CHURCH.

1. **Keep in mind that most early Christians were _____ who had trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ and were accustomed to _____ and _____ services, though Gentile Christians were added to the Church in time.**
 - What did these gatherings consist of?

2. **There is ____ place in the New Testament that specifically lays out what a “worship service” must consist of; thus, all observations are _____, not necessarily _____.**

3. **Snapshots of early Christian “worship” gatherings:**
 - a. **Acts 2:42-47** - What elements were involved in their worship gathering?

 - b. **Acts 13:1-5, 14:26-28** - What elements were involved in their worship gathering?

 - c. **Acts 20:7-12** - What elements were involved in their worship gathering?

 - d. **1 Corinthians 11:17-32** - What elements were involved in their worship gathering?

 - e. **1 Corinthians 14:5-19** - What elements were involved in their worship gathering and what was its purpose?

 - f. **1 Corinthians 14:23-26, 40** - What elements were involved in their worship gathering and what was its objective and guideline?

 - g. **1 Corinthians 16:1-4** – What can we learn from this passage?

 - h. **Colossians 3:16** - What can we learn from this passage?

 - i. **1 Timothy 2:1, 8**

 - j. **1 Timothy 4:13, 2 Timothy 4:2-4** – What can we learn from these passages?

 - k. **Hebrews 10:24-25** – What can we learn from this passage?
 - **What can we learn from these observations?**

B. OBSERVATIONS on WORSHIP in HEAVEN. (Revelation 4 &5)

1. Revelation 4 - After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this." 2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. 3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. 4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. 5 And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. 6 Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. 7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. 8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!" 9 Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: 11 "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

- **What can we learn from these observations?**

2. Revelation 5:8-14 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, 10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth." 11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!" 13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!" 14 Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

- **What can we learn from these observations?**

- How does this apply to you?