

## WORSHIPING ON THE LORD'S DAY

October 13, 2013

*Worship, as God intended, is a supernatural event. As we enter into this service of worship, we cross the threshold of the secular to the sacred, from the common to the uncommon, from the profane to the holy. Prepare yourself therefore for this most holy convocation!*

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Prelude

Worship Theme

Christ is our Helper

Psalm 118:5-7: "From *my* distress I called upon the Lord; the Lord answered me *and set me* in a large place. The Lord is for me; I will not fear; what can man do to me? The Lord is for me among those who help me; therefore I shall look *with satisfaction* on those who hate me."

**God Calls us to Worship Before the Cross** Ps. 105:1-4

+We Adore Him

Hymn #165, "Ye Servants Of God"

We Confess Our Sin

Merciful Lord! Pardon all our sins of this day, week, year; all the sins of our lives, sins of early, middle, and advanced years, of omission and commission, of morose, peevish, and angry tempers, of lip, life, and walk, of hard-heartedness, unbelief, presumption, and pride, of unfaithfulness to the souls of men, of lack of boldness, of bringing dishonor upon Your great name, of deception, injustice, untruthfulness, in our dealings with others, of impurity in thought, word, and deed, of covetousness, which is idolatry, of money unduly hoarded, impulsively squandered, not consecrated to Your glory, the great Giver.

Forgive our innumerable sins in private and in the family, in study and recreation, in the busy haunts of men, in the study of the Word and in the neglect of it, in prayer irreverently offered and coldly withheld, in time misspent, in yielding to Satan's wiles, in opening our hearts to his temptations, in being unwatchful when we sense him near, in quenching the Holy Spirit.

Pardon the sins which we have committed, against light and knowledge, against conscience and the restraints of Your Spirit, against the law of eternal love. Forgive all our

sins, known and unknown, felt and unfelt, confessed and not confessed, remembered or forgotten. Good Lord, hear; and hearing, forgive. Amen.

We Thank Him For His Forgiveness

Hymn #498, "Jesus! What A Friend For Sinners!"

**God Calls us to Worship Thru Dedication** Jer. 29:12-13

We Give Him Our Offering & Concerns

We Give Him Ourselves

Hymn #457, "Come, Thou Fount Of Ev'ry Blessing"

**God Calls us to Worship Thru Fellowship** Rom. 12:2

We Read His Word

Sermon

\*We Partake Of The Lord's Supper

Hymn #294, "The Golden Gates Are Lifted Up"

**God Blesses us in the Benediction**

Welcome and Announcements

Postlude

(Containers have been placed at the front for communion cups and small trash)

+You are invited to raise your hands during the prayer of adoration.

\*Visitors, please see note below on the Lord's Supper.

**The Glory of Heaven, Pt. 4**  
Revelation 22:3-5  
*Study Notes for October 13, 2013*

**I. Introduction**

**II. The Glory of Heaven, Select.**

1. As Seen in the Fact that That which is Most Important to us is in Heaven, Select.
2. As Seen in the Physical Descriptions of Heaven, Rev. 21:10-21.
3. As Seen in the God Who Dwells in Heaven, Rev. 22:3-5.
  
- 4. As Seen in the Lamb Who Purchased Heaven, Rev. 22:3-5.**

**a. A Surprising Description/Emphasis**

1. Christ as He is Today, Rev. 1:12-17

2. Christ as He is Referenced in Revelation, Select.

From Rev. 1-19:7, Christ as “the Lamb” is mentioned 21 times!!! And when we get to the descriptions of the New Heavens and New Earth, again it is “the Lamb” by which Christ is referenced no less than 7 times (Rev. 19:7, 9; 21:9, 14, 22, 23; 22:1, 3)!!!

Why is it that Christ as “the Lamb” is so prominent in the New Heavens and the New Earth? Why is this facet being stressed here? To answer this we have to go back in Redemptive History...

The Role that a “Lamb” Played in OT Worship, Select.

In the NT, the Shadow is Replaced with Substance- Heb. 9:11-14!

- b. **In light of all of this, we see the significance of the “Lamb of God” as referenced in Rev. 22:3- and thus the Glory of Heaven! In the New Heavens and the New Earth, Christ will be identified not only by who He is, but also by what He did for us!**

**5. As Seen in our Place in Heaven, Rev. 22:3-5.**

- a. **To understand this, let’s review...**

Our Original Place

The Downfall of God’s Kingdom

Our Restoration

- b. **Our Place/Role in Glory: bondservants!**

Debt-Slavery vs. Bond-Slavery

That clearly is the connotation in the text before us. For the rest of eternity we will be the property and so the possession of God! Now if you think this is demeaning, you are wrong. Think of it: there are only two positions a person can hold: (1) They can be the slave of Satan- who is a despotic monster who does not care about his servants. Or, (2) They can be a servant purchased by Christ out of love on whom He has placed His name and so has made them to be a “bond-slave” of God! The former is a position of shame and indignity; the latter is a position of honor, glory, praise!

- c. **Our Activity in Heaven: Co-reigning toward what end?**

John 17:3

C. H. Spurgeon put it this way, “Who dare despise those foundations of chrysolite and chrysoprasus and jacinth? Who shall speak lightly of streets of glassy gold and gates of pearl? We would not forget that we shall see angels, and seraphim, and cherubim; nor would we fail to remember that we shall see apostles, martyrs, and confessors, together with those whom we have walked with and communed with in our Lord while here below. We shall assuredly behold those of our departed kindred who sleep in Jesus... But still, for all this, the main thought which we now have of heaven, and certainly the main fullness of it when we shall come there, is just this: we shall see Jesus.” (*The Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit*, Vol. 14, Sermon #824, p. 436)

Samuel Rutherford inspired the following lines taken from *Red Trinity Hymnal* #546, “The bride eyes not her garment, but her dear bride-groom’s face; I will not gaze at glory, but on my King of grace; not at the crown He gifteth, but on His pierced hand: the Lamb is all the glory of Emmanuel’s land.”