

SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

*WORSHIP - DISCOVERING WHAT
SCRIPTURE SAYS*

SRMBC Family Bible Study
Jan – Feb 2019

Every Wednesday
8000 Derry Street (Rear)
Harrisburg PA 17111
6:30 pm

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SRMBC JAN - FEB Bible Study Schedule

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Date</u>
Worship the Lamb	Revelation 4 – 5	1/9/2019
For Keeps	Exodus 24:1 – 11	1/16/2019
Mercy, Not Sacrifice	Psalms 50	1/23/2019
Broken for Me	Mark 14:1 – 11	1/30/2019
Planning for Praise	Isaiah 61:1 – 11	2/6/2019
All to Jesus	Luke 20:20 – 26; 45 – 47; 21:1 – 4	2/13/2019
Living Worship	Romans 12:1 – 8	2/20/2019
Our Longing Fulfilled	Revelation 21:1 – 8	2/27/2019

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Worship – Discovering What Scripture Says

Lesson 2: For Keeps

Exodus 24:1 - 11

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Foundational Truths About Worship

- ▶ Worship is rooted in the character and permanence of God.
- ▶ Worship is always a response to God's initiative and, at the same time, is meant to be an interaction.
- ▶ The Heart of Worship is about letting our whole lives point to the supremacy and worth of God.

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The Apostle John – The Book of Revelation

- **Author:** Revelation 1:1,4,9 and 22:8 identify the author as the apostle John.
- **Date of Writing:** The Book of Revelation was likely written between A.D. 90 and 95.
- **Purpose of Writing:** The Revelation of Jesus Christ was given to John by God (while in exile on the Isle of Patmos) to tell his servants about the last days before Christ's return, the final judgment of sin and Satan and the new heaven and new earth.

The Book Of Revelation:

- Gives us a glimpse of heaven and the glories awaiting those who keep their robes white.
- Informs us on the Great Tribulation and the final fire that unbelievers will face for all eternity.
- Records the defeat of Satan and the doom he and his angels are bound for.
- Shows us the worship and service of all creatures and angels of heaven and the promises of eternal life with Jesus in the New Jerusalem.



John on the Isle of Patmos

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Group Discussion: What was the most significant worship experience you have ever had, and what made it so special?

The Apostle - "Praise Him"

Eulis 'Sonny' Dewey is a preacher from Texas and 'Apostle E.F.' There he starts to preach and with his new friend, Reverend Blackwell, he starts a campaign to renovate an old church.

This Sunday, Sonny preaches on all the ways to praise the Lord.

- What was the reaction of the people to the call worship and praise the Lord from the Bible?
- What are the different ways of praise and worship mentioned and demonstrated?
- What parts of the worship service would like to more of in our worship experiences?



Apostle E.F. "Sonny" Dewey

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Revelation 4:1 – 5 (NKJV)

1 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.**

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Revelation 4:6 - 11 (NKJV)

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.”

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Revelation 5:1 - 6 (NKJV)

1 And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat **on the throne** a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with **seven seals**.

2 Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "**Who is worthy** to open the scroll and to loose its seals?"

3 And **no one** in heaven or on the earth or under the earth **was able to open the scroll, or to look at it**.

4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.

5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, **the Lion of the tribe of Judah**, the Root of David, **has prevailed** to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

6 And I looked, and behold, in the **midst of the throne** and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood **a Lamb as though it had been slain**, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the **seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth**.

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Revelation 5:7 - 11 (NKJV)

7 Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat **on the throne**.

8 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**,

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Revelation 5:12 - 14 (NKJV)

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.

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1. What some of your initial impressions of God’s Glory as John pictures it here?
What would be the value of attempting to describe the glory of God today?

The Description of God’s Glory

- God is an awesome and powerful (Much greater than the Wizard Of Oz)
- God’s Glory is impressive, majestic with beauty that is beyond compare.
- God’s Person, Character and Faithfulness and Mercy (note the rainbow) is far above our situation(s).

The Value Of Describing God’s Glory

- It is a never – ending quest to experience the fulness of His Glory.
- It is new and refreshing – each time. The more we see or experience the more of God
- It creates an invitation/desire for others to experience His Glory for themselves.



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2. How do the four creatures and the twenty-four elders respond to God's glory (4:4 – 11)?

The Twenty-Four Elders

- They Fall Down in Worship.
- They Cast Down their valuable Crowns before the throne.
- They declare the worth of the Lord to receive all worship.
- They acknowledge/proclaim His authority.



The Four Living Creatures

- They Lift Up their voices in Praise.
- They praise continually – as if that is what they were created for.
- They can acknowledge the holiness and character of God.
- They direct all of their Praise to the One on the Throne.

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3. What aspects of worship are emphasized?

Personal Holiness – The white robes signify personal holiness- righteousness before the Lord.

Personal Knowledge

Of God - His character, His power & His purpose.

Of the Holy Scriptures – Worship consistent with His Word from heaven.

Humility – Understanding God's holiness and authority of all and over us.

Integrity/Honesty – Worshipping without false pretense.

Consistency – Without variation or wavering.

Fervency – With complete passion and with everything we have.

Purposeful – All worship is directed to God the One who sits on the Throne.

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4. What principles can we glean as we prepare for and participate in worship?

- Worship Should Be **Personal** – Based On Our Personal Knowledge Of God.
- Worship Should Be **Scriptural** – According To His Word – God is worthy of all worship.
- Worship Should Be **Spiritual/Total** – With All Our Mind, Heart And Emotions – guided by the Holy Spirit.
- Worship Should Be **Continual** – Not just in church – but we need to live a lifestyle of worship.
- Worship should be **Communal/Mutual** – While it is good to have personal worship, we also need to worship in unity with others.
- Worship should be **Purposeful** - The purpose of worship is to glorify God.

Jesus Said: *23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” John 4:23 – 24 (NKJV)*

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5. John is shown a sealed scroll which probably represents God's redemptive plan (5:1). How should the knowledge that Christ alone is worthy to open the Scroll (5:1 – 5) affect our worship?

- Our Worship Is For Jesus Alone.
- He Deserves Our Very Best Worship.
- Based On All That Jesus Has Done For Us – We Owe Him Worship.
- Jesus' Love, Mercy And Faithfulness Gives Us A Great Joy In Worship.
- We Never Need To Be Ashamed To Worship The Lord.
- When We Worship Jesus, We Are Agreeing With And Joining The Elders And Angels In Heaven.

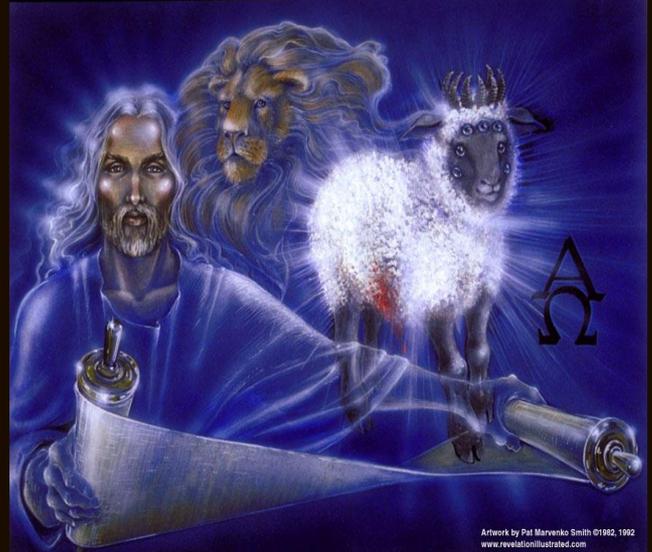


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6. Jesus is shown as the Lion and the Lamb. What is the significance of the Lion and the Lamb as it relates to Jesus and our worship of Him?

- **The Lion** – Represents Power, Authority & Strength (Gen. 49: 9 – 10)
- **The Lamb** – Represents the deep Love of God and the self-sacrifice of Jesus (Isa, 11:1)

When we worship God, we need appreciate His power majesty and authority – But also His deep and perfect love for us.

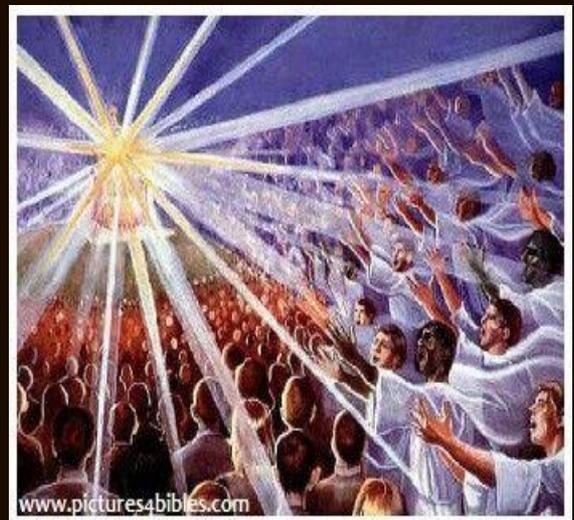


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7. How can our experience of worship be deepened by fellowship with people from “every tribe and language and people and nation” (5:9)?

- When we expand our worship experience with others it expands our view of God.
- We know that this type of worship is according to the scripture – and it pleases God.
- It prepares us for the worship we will experience eternally in Heaven.



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8. **Worship is not just an action but a reaction, a response evoked by a vision of God's glory. Since earthly worship is to be modeled after heavenly worship what can we do to worship Jesus for fully?**

- **Ask God to help you become more aware of His presence and His Glory.**
- **Spend consistent time in the Word – in order to know God Better.**
- **Reflect on the great sacrifice and love that Jesus displayed on the Cross.**
- **Make attending weekly worship services a priority.**
- **Regularly review the end time prophecies and our eternally reward and destiny with the Lord.**
- **Resolve to Give God our very best praise and Worship.**



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Keys For Living

- *While there are many ways that we can worship God, we need to fully understand that there is only One God to worship.*
- *Jesus Christ as our Saviour, Lord and King is the Center of Worship. All glory, honor and praise belong to Him and Him alone.*
- *When we worship God, we give Him what He deserves – because He is worthy, and He gives us Himself, because He is gracious, merciful, and loving.*

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The four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying..

**Holy, Holy, Holy
Lord God Almighty
which was, and is, and is to come**

Revelation 4:8
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