

Haysville Christian Church

Study Question for the week of May 17th

Message: **We are here for YOU**, Pastor Kurt Henson

Texts: Revelation 4-5

Return to Worship, back vs forward to “normal.”

Intro: Early tradition says that John was banished to Patmos by the Roman authorities. This tradition is credible because banishment was a common punishment used during the Imperial period for a number of offenses. Among such offenses were the practices of magic and astrology. Prophecy was viewed by the Romans as belonging to the same category, whether Pagan, Jewish, or Christian. Prophecy with political implications, like that expressed by John in the Book of Revelation, would have been perceived as a threat to Roman political power and order.

The Book of Revelation provides insight into what a worship service might have looked like in the Jerusalem Temple. It also provides us a view of the worship that is now taking place in the heavenly realm.

1. How would you define worship?
2. When do you offer the Father your “best” worship?
 - a. Church service, Work, Recreation, when feeling stressed, facing an illness, etc...
3. Which is more important, corporate worship or individual worship?
4. How does your individual worship fuel corporate worship?
 - a. How does corporate worship fuel your individual worship?
5. Rev 4:2 tells us John was, “in the Spirit.”
 - a. What role does the Holy Spirit play in the worship of Abba?
 - b. What does it mean to worship in, “Spirit and Truth?” John 4:24
6. A new Christian comes to YOU and asks, “teach me to worship?”
 - a. How would you respond?
 - b. What would the process consist of?
 - c. What could they learn by watching the way you approach and practice worship?
7. You are asked to design a worship service for HCC.
 - a. What would it look like? What would it include?
 - b. How long would it last?
 - c. What would you expect from those in attendance?

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is **your spiritual service of worship**. Romans 12:1