

Theme: How To Cultivate The Miraculous In The Local Church
Topic: Encountering the Lord in Worship

Revelation 5:11-14

¹¹Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹²In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" ¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" ¹⁴The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

I. Worship brings intimacy to our relationship with God.

Psalm 22:3 But thou *art* holy, *O thou* that inhabitest the praises of Israel. [KJV]

Psalm 48:1 "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised."

II. Worship submits us to His Lordship.

The more we humble ourselves to the will of God, the more Christ is exalted.

III. Worship refreshes our spirit.

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IV. Worship points us to the Truth.

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