

# Worship is not Passive

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*And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!*

Revelation 19:6 NKJV

Have you ever been to Niagara Falls? Some authorities say that an estimated 1,000,000 gallons of water flow over the falls per minute. That is the equivalent of about 834,000,000 pounds. Scientists say that every frequency in the sound spectrum can be heard simultaneously as the water crashes at the bottom of the falls. This phenomenon is called white noise, which is what John could be describing in the Revelation.

Heaven's worship is loud. No where in the Revelation of Jesus Christ do you read that anyone silently worshiped. According to John's account the worship was so loud at times it would have been difficult to hear anything else. At times the volume of worship was determined by the sheer number of worshipers. However, most of the time we find that the worshipers were worshipping loudly.

The fact that heaven's worship is loud is most significant in the fact that the worshipers were actively involved in the exaltation of the One who sits on the throne and the Lamb. There is no such thing as passive worship. Worship requires action; it is not a spectator sport.

The word worship itself demands an active response. In the Old Testament the most common Hebrew word translated for worship is shachah. This word means to depress or prostrate in homage or loyalty to God, to bow down or fall down flat. The most common Greek word for worship is proskuneo which means to kiss like a dog licking his master's hand, to fawn or crouch, to prostrate oneself in homage, to reverence or adore. Proskuneo is the word translated worship throughout the book of Revelations.

One who silently stands each Sunday with folded arms watching the band or choir has not entered into worship. One who does not worship has not yet had a revelation of the One who sits on the throne and of the Lamb. When true revelation comes worship follows; it is a natural response.

The good news is that in the future we will gather around God's throne with all creation to worship our King. The great news is we don't have to wait until the sweet by and by; we can experience heaven's worship today.

Do you passively approach worship? Ask the Father to give you a fresh revelation of the One who sits on the throne and the Lamb.

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## **Scriptures for meditation:**

Revelation 5:11-12

Revelation 14:2-3

Revelation 19:1