

# Worship God: The Worship of Everything

A Home Bible Study | Revelation 19:1–21 | Canyon Creek Presbyterian

**A note before you begin: YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DO ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS.** Leaders take a little time to vet the questions and determine which 8 to 10 would be best for your group.

This study is designed for families and groups meeting in homes. Some questions are for the whole group. A few are marked **[Kids]** — if you would like to incorporate them into your study (or you need an adult fast version of the study). Don't rush. Revelation 19 is full of worship, warning, beauty, judgment, and invitation.

**Open in prayer, then read Revelation 19:1–21 aloud together before beginning.**

## 1. The Question of Worship

The sermon began by asking us to look honestly at the last twenty-four hours: what we reached for, what we worried about, what we defended, what we spent money on, and what our habits revealed about our loves.

- a. When you think about your last twenty-four hours, what did your habits reveal that you love, trust, fear, or pursue?
- b. The sermon said, "Worry is a form of devotion." What is something you have been turning over in your mind lately? What might that reveal about what you are bowing to?
- c. Do you agree that our daily practices are "liturgies" that train our hearts? What is one repeated habit in your life that may be forming you more than you realize?
- d. **[Kids]** What is something you really love doing every day? How can you tell that you love it?

## 2. Heaven's Loud Worship — Revelation 19:1–6

John hears heaven shouting, "Hallelujah!" four times in six verses. Heaven praises God because "salvation and glory and power belong to our God."

- a. What stands out to you about the sound of worship in this passage — the great multitude, many waters, and mighty thunder?
- b. Heaven says salvation, glory, and power belong to God. Which of those three is easiest for you to believe? Which is hardest?

- c. Where are people tempted to look for salvation, glory, or power apart from God — personally, culturally, politically, professionally, or relationally?
- d. **[Kids]** What does “Hallelujah” mean? Why do you think heaven says it so loudly?

### 3. Worship and Judgment

Heaven praises God because his judgments are “true and just.” The sermon noted that this can feel uncomfortable because heaven is praising God for judging Babylon.

- a. Why do you think people today struggle with the idea of God's judgment?
- b. The sermon said, “The truer justice gets, the more uncomfortable it becomes — because true justice eventually comes for everyone.” How does that challenge the way you usually think about justice?
- c. Is it possible for God to be loving and judging at the same time? Why would true love require justice? What might this look like in parenting? Being a boss? Roommates?
- d. **[Kids]** When your friends do something unfair (unjust) what do you typically do?

### 4. Small and Great Before the Throne

In verse 5, a voice from the throne says, “Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.”

- a. What does it mean that worship includes both “small and great”?
- b. Where do you feel the pressure to measure people by status, platform, career, wealth, intelligence, beauty, or usefulness?
- c. How does worship make everyone equal before God? How do we challenge ourselves to live this out at Canyon Creek?
- d. **[Kids]** Have you ever felt small or left out? What does it mean that God invites both small and great people to praise him?

### 5. The Wedding of the Lamb — Revelation 19:7–9

Heaven announces, “The wedding of the Lamb has come.” The Bride is clothed in fine linen, bright and pure. But verse 8 says the linen “was granted her.”

- a. What does the image of a wedding communicate about Christ's relationship with his church?
- b. Why is the significance that the Bride prepares herself, but the clothing is given to her?

- c. The angel says, “Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” What does the word “invited” teach us about grace?
- d. **[Kids]** Have you ever been invited to a birthday party or asked to be in a wedding? How did it feel to be invited?

## 6. When Good Things Become God Things — Revelation 19:10

After hearing the wedding announcement, John falls at the angel's feet to worship him. The angel immediately says, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you... Worship God.”

- a. Why is John's mistake so sobering? What does it teach us that even the apostle John can bow in the wrong direction?
- b. The sermon said, “The instinct to bow is not the problem. The problem is that he aimed the worship at something that was never meant to receive it.” How does that help you understand idolatry?
- c. What “fellow servants” are most tempting for people in our community to treat as ultimate — marriage, children, career, sexuality, politics, success, ministry, reputation, comfort?
- d. **[Kids]** Can something good become too important? Can you think of an example?

## 7. Worship God

The angel's command is simple and direct: “Worship God.”

- a. If the angel said to you, “Don't do it. Worship God,” what might he be interrupting in your life? What is one good gift that you may be asking to carry too much weight?
- b. This could just be a question for everyone to consider on their own without sharing to the entire group:

The sermon mentioned marriage, singleness, sexuality, parenting, career, and ministry as good things that can become ultimate things. Which example felt most convicting or clarifying to you?

## 8. The Rider on the White Horse — Revelation 19:11–16

John sees heaven opened, and Christ appears as the Rider on the white horse. He is called Faithful and True. He has eyes like fire, many crowns, a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

- a. Which description of Christ in verses 11–16 most captures your attention, and why?

- b. The sermon said, “You and I bow to a thousand things that are not faithful.” Where have you experienced the disappointment of trusting something that could not finally bear the weight?
- c. What does it mean that Christ conquers by the sword from his mouth — by his word?
- d. **[Kids]** Jesus is called “Faithful and True.” What does it mean to be faithful? What does it mean to be true?

### **9. The Bride and the Army**

The sermon pointed out that the Bride's wedding garment becomes the army's uniform. The Church is both married to the Lamb and following the King into battle.

- a. Why do you think Revelation uses both wedding and warfare imagery for the people of God?
- b. What happens when Christians only think of faith as wedding — comfort, intimacy, belonging — but forget warfare?
- c. What happens when Christians only think of faith as warfare — conflict, battle, victory — but forget wedding?
- d. The sermon said, “Your job is not to wield the sword. Your job is to wear the linen.” What does that mean practically?

### **10. The Two Suppers — Revelation 19:17–21**

Revelation 19 contains two suppers: the wedding supper of the Lamb and the great supper of God where the birds consume the defeated enemies of God.

- a. What is the contrast between these two suppers?
- b. The sermon said, “Every person eats at one of them.” How does that sharpen the urgency of worship?
- c. What does this chapter warn us about? What does it invite us into?
- d. How does the Lord's Supper serve as a foretaste of the wedding supper of the Lamb?
- e. **[Kids]** Why do Christians take communion? How does it remind us that Jesus wants us at his table?

### **11. Final Question – Where did you notice your heart bowing this week — to God, or to something good that was never meant to be God?**

### **12. Closing Prayer – Next week: Revelation 20 | Reading: Revelation 20:1–15**