

GG WHY WE SHOULD WORDSHIP

A beatitude found in Revelation 19:9 speaks of a marriage supper. Those who have been *"called to the marriage supper of the Lamb"* are truly *"blessed."* We are soon reminded as we read Revelation 19:9 that it is set in a context of Heavenly worship. According to verse one, *"a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God" (NKJV).* Verse three adds another, *"Alleluia."* Verse four, twenty elders and the four living creatures fell down worshipping saying, *"Alleluia."* Verse five, *"a voice came from the throne, saying, 'Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!'"* The *"voice of a great multitude"* thunders *"Alleluia"* in verse six. These beautiful saints (the bride) had been *"called"* unto this great supper of the Lamb having been arrayed *"in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints"* (verse 8). While John wished to worship even the messenger [angel] of the Lord (Rev. 1:1), he directs John to *"worship God!"* This great chapter gives us five reasons that we should worship the Omnipotent Lord God. [Winkler, 10].

We worship because God saves (v. 1), because He is true (v. 2), because He is righteous (v. 2), because He avenges those who have been mistreated while serving Him (v. 2-4), and because He is Omnipotent and Sovereign (v. 6). Whether *"small or great"* (v. 5), we should offer our worship and praise unto God. The Hebrews writer reminds us *"therefore by Him [Jesus Christ, added WR] let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name"* (Hebrews 13:15, NKJV). In Christ and through Christ, we can fulfill what our Father in Heaven seeks: *"...the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth"* (John 4:23-24).

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