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Accelerate—Beyond The Starting Blocks Of Faith Episode 6
Worship: A Journey Into Reality Part 1
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Revelation 4:1-11

“After this” I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven (JOHN 10). And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet (ISA 58) said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.”² At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it.³ And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne.⁴ Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads.⁵ From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God.⁶ Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal. In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back.⁷ The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle.⁸ Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

“Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.”

⁹ Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

¹¹ “You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they were created
and have their being.”

Worship is about knowing and expressing the truth of God. MOUNTAIN

- **It is experiencing God.**
 - We are living in a world where 2+2 no longer equals 4 and where “your truth” supersedes “the truth”.
 - Experience is trumping reason.

- **How do we know truth? We encounter it.**
 - **Scripture makes a connection between Worship, God’s Spirit and Truth**
 - **John 4:22-24** You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ **God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”**

Worship puts us in touch with truth and reality, but how?

- **Worship transports us dimensionally into a perfect a true reality.**
 - **Vs. 1** After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven.
 - **Rev 3:8** I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

- **Worship puts us in touch with purity.**
 - **Vs. 2-4** At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. ³ And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne. ⁴ Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads.

Food For The Journey: Uses these questions and challenges to go deeper in personal reflection or deeper study.

1. The bible talks about different dimensions or realities that happen through a “door” vs. 2. One is what is happening in heaven and one is about those things happening on earth. How do you understand the interplay between these two places?
2. Heaven is a place of deep holiness. How can worship help us live more holy lives?
3. Rev 3:8 tells us that we worship in Spirit and in Truth. How can worship help us understand truth more here in the “real world”?
4. How do you worship God personally?
5. This week explore new ways to worship God. Expand the boundaries and see what happens in the rest of your existence.