

## Introduction

### **“Called To A True Heart of Worship In His Presence!”**

#### Various Scriptures

#### INTRODUCTION

##### CQ1?

***“How often do I miss out on the deeper things God is trying to communicate with me in the moment, in the morning, the afternoon, the evening, throughout the whole day, and the work week?”***

##### CQ2?

***“More importantly how often do I miss what God is trying to do in my life on the one day, when my relationship with Him, should be front and center alongside others who call Him: God, Father, Savior, Lord, Spirit, Counselor, Comforter, & Friend?”***

***“When everything that is pressing in on me should be given over, when my fears and anxieties should all melt into the background. When I need His Presence to be so real that I long for nothing else. How do I miss out on these moments, these conversations, these divinely appointed life transforming encounters?”***

***“The Answers may surprise us, if we are diligent to stop and do a real introspective of our life, our motivations, our intentions, our use of time, our hobbies, our leisure, and our spiritual walk over the course of an ordinary week, and especially on a Sunday Morning!”***

***“These next six week’s together will lead us in the Spirit into a Deeper Worship of Christ’s Coming in His Advent at Christmas & His Second Coming Again Among Us. Let us now begin to look introspectively into our personal lives, and on our corporate life together as the People of God called by His Name, that gather here each week, at this sacred place, we call CrossWay!” This introspection and incorporation of what is revealed to us will provide the scaffolding to ask some poignant questions of our individual lives of Worship and our corporate life of Worship together as the Body of Christ!***

##### PQ1

***“First, do I know what a ‘True Worship Service’ that is designed to Call Christians into a ‘True Heart of Worship’ looks like from a: historical, theological, and sacred framework within the Christian Tradition?”***

##### PQ2

***“Second, do I know what a ‘True Heart of Worship’ looks like, feels like, and do I actually possess one today?”***

##### PQ3

***“Third, does my faith & freewill allow for all forms of a ‘True Heart of Worship’ to exist within my own life and the life of my Fellow Brothers & Sisters in Christ?”***

***“Fourth, once I, once we, as the Body of Christ, come to possess a greater understanding and desire to have a ‘True Heart of Worship’, then we can all enter into God’s Presence more fully.”***

***“Fifth, then in a ‘True Spirit of Unity’, we can all actively fuel our daily worship time with God.”***

***“Finally, and most importantly, we can actively transform our corporate worship time together, so that the ‘True Heart of Worship’ becomes all-encompassing and all-consuming in His Divine Presence among us!”***

***“The ‘True Heart of Worship’ is molded and fashioned around the ‘12 Double Pillars of the Worship Service’. These have been handed down in one form or another from the time of the Exodus from Egypt to the Establishment of God’s Chosen People in the Promised Land. They are found throughout the Torah / Law of the Old Testament Scriptures.”***

*"I will endeavor to help us to discover, contemplate, and implement, these ancient paths over the next six weeks together."*

**TQ?**

*"But why do we need to rediscover the Ancient Paths when we live in Modern Times?"*

*"Here the scriptures are prophetic according to the Writing of Jeremiah concerning either a spirit of rest & peace, or a spirit of haughtiness & rebellion:*

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*"Thus Says the Lord: "Stand in the **Ways** and see, and ask for the **Ancient Paths**, where the **Good Way Is**, and **Walk in Them**; then you will find rest for your souls!" But they replied, "We will not walk in **Them!**"*

**Jeremiah 6:16**

*"Well when we investigate the true ancient worship service together we find that for centuries Jews & Christians gathered together for literally hours (8-12) as a minimum until the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Millenium A.D. Then, the worship service was cut down to about 4 hours, and then after the Renaissance to about 2 hours. Finally, in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century to about 1 to 1.5 hours, and finally in later 29<sup>th</sup> Century to about 1 hour. Most recently, some services have even cut down the time to just less than an hour in some of the larger churches in order to make more time for food, fellowship and small groups."*

**Q1**

*"What would we expect would get lost in this endless dwindling time spent together as a Family of Faith?"*

**A1**

You guessed it, almost everything,  
with only a limited Worship of Song & the Worship of the Word  
not getting the axe, in order to hurry and streamline the Worship Service!

*"So, lets now take a look at what got chopped out and what we are missing out on, by taking a quick overview of the **12 Double Pillars of the Worship Service***

Worship In Song

1. Praise & Worship (Hymns & Psalms)
2. Glory & Honor (God: Father, Son, & Spirit)

Worship In the Word

3. Preaching & Teaching (Hermeneutics: Historical & Theological)
4. Conviction & Repentance (Heart / Soul Sorrow & Salvation)
5. Admonish & Rebuke (Correction & Restoration)

Worship In the Spirit

6. Awe & Majesty (Presence & Relationship)
7. Power & Might (Authority & Strength)
8. Holy & Sacred (Holiness & Sanctification)

Worship In His Will

9. Prayer & Devotion (Conversation & Contemplation)
10. Blessing & Thanksgiving (Gifts & Gratitude)

Worship In Communion

11. Edification & Encouragement (Instruction & Uplifting)
12. Fellowship & Friendship (Community & Companionship)

**Q2**

*"Where do we as Modern Christians begin to get a glance, or even a glimpse into authentic worship?"*

**(Continued Over)**

## A2

We must glance into, and catch a glimpse of the 'Worship Service' found in the hearts of angels & those who have gone on to heaven before us, and what it will look like when we are all reunited around God's Throne forever!

*"So, the best place to look is in the visions of heaven found in the Books of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, & Revelation. We Will confine ourselves to the Book of Revelation for today. Therefore, lets look at three short passages right now.*

<sup>8</sup> The **Four Living Creatures**, **Each Having Six Wings**, were **Full of Eyes Around and Within**. And **They Do Not Rest 'Day or Night'**, **Saying**: "**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, Who Was and Is and Is to Come!**" <sup>9</sup> Whenever the **Living Creatures** Give Glory and Honor and Thanks to **Him Who Sits on the Throne, Who 'Lives Forever and Ever'**". <sup>10</sup> The **Twenty-Four Elders Fall Down Before Him Who Sits on the Throne and Worship Him Who 'Lives Forever and Ever'**, and **Cast Their Crowns Before the Throne, Saying**: <sup>11</sup> "**You Are Worthy, O Lord, To Receive Glory and Honor and Power; For You Created All Things, and By Your Will They Exist, and Were Created!**"

Revelation 4:8-11 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> Then I (John) **Looked**, and I (John) **Heard the Voice** of **Many Angels Around the Throne**, the **(Four) Living Creatures**, and the **(Twenty-Four) Elders**; and the **Number of Them (Angels)** was **Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand**, and **Thousands of Thousands**, <sup>12</sup> **Saying with a Loud Voice**: "**Worthy Is the Lamb Who Was Slain To Receive: Power, Riches, Wisdom, Strength, Honor, Glory and Blessing (Praise)!**" <sup>13</sup> And **Every Creature Which Is In Heaven, On the Earth, Under the Earth, in the Sea, and All That Are in Them, I Heard Saying**: "**Blessing (Praise), Honor, Glory and Power Be to Him Who Sits on the Throne, and to the Lamb, Forever and Ever!**" <sup>14</sup> Then the **Four Living Creatures Said**, "**Amen!**" And the **Twenty-Four Elders Fell Down and Worshiped Him Who Lives Forever and Ever!**

Revelation 5:1-14 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> After these things I (John) **Looked**, and **Behold**, a **Great Multitude** which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing **Before the Throne and Before the Lamb, Clothed with White Robes**, with **Palm Branches in Their Hands**, <sup>10</sup> and **Crying Out with a Loud Voice, Saying**, "**Salvation Belongs to Our God Who Sits on the Throne, and to the Lamb!**"

<sup>11</sup> **All the Angels** stood **Around the Throne** and the **(Twenty-Four) Elders** and the **Four Living Creatures**, and fell on **Their Faces Before the Throne and Worshiped God**, <sup>12</sup> **Saying**: "**Amen! Blessing and Glory and Wisdom, Thanksgiving and Honor and Power and Might, Be to Our God Forever and Ever! Amen!**"

Revelation 7:9-12 (NKJV)

*"As we can begin to clearly see, these '12 Double Pillars of the Worship Service' are specifically designed by God to call us and lead us into a 'True Heart of Worship!' as He originally intended!"*

*"This week as you venture out into your everyday schedule you are so familiar with; would you begin with me to contemplate the vast differences between our limited understanding of the 'True Worship of God' and where God is Calling and Leading us to go as His Chosen People here at CrossWay Church of the Nazarene – For He is Calling Back to a 'True Heart of Worship!'"*

### Preview For Next Week

#### Worship In Song

1. **Praise & Worship** (Hymns & Psalms)