

Message Series: ALL THINGS NEW (*Revelation 21:5*)

This Message: **New Worship**
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Warm Up: As worshipers in this life we often long to go home and be with God in Heaven, but God also longs to come down to earth and make His home with those who worship Him.

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PART 1: GOD'S TABERNACLE PLAN FOR WORSHIPERS

◇ Moses' tabernacle in the wilderness

- **Exodus 25:8**
- **Exodus 40:34,35**

◇ Solomon's temple in Jerusalem

- **1 Kings 8:1~4,6,10,11**

◇ The incarnation (God in a human body)

- **John 1:14**
- By the incarnation, God dwelt among worshipers, so that we can worship God through His Son.

◇ Pentecost

- **Acts 2:1~4; 1 Corinthians 3:16.** For the first time, God, as the Holy Spirit, came down not only to be "upon" God's people but to dwell (tabernacle) "within" God's people. That was never the case under the Old Covenant (in the Old Testament).
- Starting with the Day of Pentecost, God began to dwell in worshipers, so that we can worship God "in the Spirit" (*Philippians 3:3*).

◇ Eternity

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is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

- In eternity, God will dwell with worshipers, so that we can worship God in person.

PART 2: WHAT WILL WORSHIP IN ETERNITY LOOK AND FEEL LIKE?

- ◇ Because all our needs will be met, our worship will be all about Him.
 - **Revelation 4:8~11**
 - **Revelation 5:11~14**
- ◇ For the first time ever, all worshipers from around the world will worship as one congregation.
 - **Revelation 7:9~12**
 - When the Praise & Worship movement hit in the 90s, some churches were split over the new style of music. At one church, one group of people left the building during praise and worship music; they returned afterwards. Other churches divided their worship services between a traditional service (singing hymns) and a contemporary service (singing praise and worship songs). The reactions had to do with people's musical preference.
 - Heavenly worship won't be about our preference; it will be about His reverence.
- ◇ Every worshiper will get an *up close and personal, one on one, face to face time* with the King as we worship Him!
 - **Revelation 21:4**

Wrap Up: It is a common experience for a family to celebrate the birthday of someone in the military while that person is deployed outside the country. Technology has made it possible for the family to chat and exchange gestures with the person via Facetime or some other video app. Later, if or when that person returns home, a birthday party takes on a deeper meaning. It makes a huge difference to have the person present at their birthday celebration.

Every time we gather for worship and for Communion, in particular, we are celebrating our God and Savior while He is physically removed from us: He is in Heaven; we are on Earth. But there is coming a time when the One we celebrate will be physically present at the party. That will be new worship.

What will it be like to experience Heavenly worship in God's literal presence, worship that's all about God by one global congregation?

- ◇ God will not just remain seated on His throne as we worship Him. I imagine that during worship, the Heavenly King will step down from His throne and go through the congregation of worshipers – similar to what we do during the greeting time of worship – touching them, wiping tears from their eyes, speaking with them, perhaps hugging them, landing a holy kiss on each cheek. Talk about butterfly kisses, chills, goose bumps at a whole new level! That will be new worship!!