

THE NEW SONG

Text: Revelation 5:9

Key Word: Worship

Key Thought: What Kind of Worship Can We Expect in Heaven?

In case you haven't noticed, God loves worship. In fact, He has given true worship a basis. **Heaven is a place of wonderful and harmonious exaltation of the One who purchased our salvation.** I always enjoy it when a new song is introduced which captivates the heart and minds of God's people in such a way that we are given a fresh release of expressing our heart felt appreciation to God.

We have so much to learn about worship. The closer we come to the return of our Lord, the more meaningful our worship becomes. When we reach heaven, we will have the blessed opportunity of becoming fully alive in uninterrupted worship. Lets take a look at what we can expect when we get there.

I. THE HIGHEST NOTE

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I. THE HIGHEST NOTE

"You are worthy . . . "

Revelation 5:9a

The apostle John was given a privilege that few of us will ever be afforded. He was transported into the very throne room of heaven to see things that were overwhelming for him to witness. It must have been an incredible journey. No Pulitzer writer could begin to duplicate the experience that this one who was beloved of God was given.

Heaven will be the kind of place that we will get captivated by something with each movement of our eyes and turn of our heads. The streets of the New Jerusalem will capture our attention. The gates of pearl will be mind-boggling. The mansions that Jesus has prepared for each one who put their trust and faith in Him will be breathtaking. The river of life will be an awesome discovery for everyone.

The ultimate beauty found in the book of Revelation will be its main focus. We must always remember that it is **the Revelation of Jesus Christ (Revelation 1:1) first and foremost.** As John was taken past the open door of heaven (Revelation 4:1) his attention was at once focused on the One who was seated upon the throne.

I. THE HIGHEST NOTE (Contd.)

*“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 (always multicoloured and mostly Brown) and carnelian (an Orange colour). A rainbow, resembling an emerald (Yellow-Green or Blue-Green), encircled the throne . . .*

Revelation 4:2,3

Both the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures centered their attention on the One who was seated upon the throne. There is no doubt that heaven is made in such a way that God is at its center. There is a continuous worship that is being proclaimed this very moment which proclaims . . .

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

Revelation 4:8,11

When John saw the heavenly Father with the scroll in his hand written on both sides and sealed, he recognized that he could search heaven and earth and come up with only One who was worthy to open the scroll. Instead of weeping, he was told to look up and see the One who offered Himself as the HIGHEST NOTE for any to declare.

*“See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.
6. Then I saw the Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne.”*

Revelation 5:5,6

No wonder we find three verses with the main emphasis on the worthiness of Jesus Christ (Revelation 4:11; 5:9,12). No one is Higher than Jesus. Not even the famous opera singers like Marilyn Horne (1934- 2010) or the late Rosa Melba Ponselle (1897-1981) could reach a note that would compare with the accolades of heaven as the angels and created beings sing their song of the Lamb.

I. THE HIGHEST NOTE (Contd.)

7587 Queen Stands at Messiah

When Queen Victoria had just ascended to her throne, she went, as was the custom of Royalty, to hear “**The Messiah**” rendered. She had been instructed as to her conduct by those who knew, and was told that she must not rise when the others stood at the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus .

When that magnificent chorus was being sung and the singers were shouting “*Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth,*” she sat with great difficulty.

It seemed as if she would rise in spite of the custom of kings and queens, but finally when they came to that part of the chorus where with a shout they proclaimed Him King of Kings suddenly the young queen rose and stood with bowed head, as if she would take her own crown from off her head and cast it at His feet.

J. Wilbur Chapman
“*Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations*”
p. 1651

II. THE SWEETEST THEME

“Because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God . . .”

Revelation 5:9b

There is no story I’ve ever read or seen that causes me to enjoy an act of violence. I simply don’t like the sight of blood. Neither does God. The first time the word “**violence**” is used in scripture, is when God judged the people in Noah’s day for their increase in violent acts (Genesis 6:11-13). In the book of Revelation we find that Babylon the Great will be destroyed with a violent act (Revelation 18:21). It will reap what it sowed.

But there was an act of violence that took place almost two thousand years ago that brought about a tremendous deliverance for mankind. This part of **THE NEW SONG** can be called **THE SWEETEST THEME**.

If Jesus had not been willing to go to the cross, we would have no way to receive the forgiveness of sins. Sin could be covered or atoned for but never forgiven. We were redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. He was willing to pay the ultimate price for our freedom. No one but Jesus was able to fulfill the strict requirements of the Law in such a way that grace could flow into our hearts.

II. THE SWEETEST THEME (Contd.)

“ . . . you were bought with a price . . . ”

I Corinthians 6:20

It has been so beautifully said that there is a **Scarlet Thread** that is woven through the Bible.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

24. And are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

25 God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement [as the one who would turn aside his wrath - the propitiation], through faith in his blood.”

Romans 3:23-25

One of the greatest reasons we can worship is because we have been set free from sin and death. I'm told that there is nothing more wonderful than to witness someone who has been set free from a captive life.

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Mrs. Samuel Untermeyer, wife of the late lawyer, once called her husband from Europe about a Gobelin tapestry she'd found: the price was \$25,000.00, and she wanted to know if she could buy it.

“No,” was Untermeyer's reply. “**Price too high.**”

But she returned from Europe with the tapestry and, when her husband asked why she had disregarded his reply, she showed him the cable. It read: **NO PRICE TOO HIGH.**”

For man's redemption, God thought no price was too high, even the blood of His Son.

Paul Lee Tan

“[Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations pp 1193 - 1194](#)”

III. THE WIDEST RESULT

“ . . . from every tribe and language and people and nation. ”

Revelation 5:9c

I can't think of a single action that has affected the entire world as our Lord's willingness to suffer upon the old rugged cross. This one act has been the basis for literally hundreds of thousands of songs and rightly so!

Just consider the extent of our Lord's gracious act.

“In contrast to the exclusivism of Judaism which prided itself in having been chosen out from among the nations, the church was genuinely ecumenical, recognizing no national, political, cultural, or racial boundaries.”

Robert H. Mounce
“The Book of Revelation”
p. 148

Worship will be so special in heaven because it will cross every culture, language and divisional boundary that we have formed in our world. Red and Yellow, Black and White, they are precious in His sight. Whether it is the Klossa language of Southern Africa or the Spanish\Portugese of South America, or Russian, German, Chinese, Japanese, French, or First Nations etc. , there will be no barrier when we lift one voice to God in praise in heaven. I understand that there are close to 4,000 languages in our world today.

When I think of the complexity of every tribe, language, people and nation worshipping the Lord in heaven, I realize that only God could perform such a widening feat. Consider just how complicated our English language is.

2991 “That's English to Me”

Never laugh at a person's efforts to speak or write English correctly. Of the four major languages it is the most difficult to learn: Here's why:

We'll begin with the box, the plural of which is boxes; but the plural of ox is oxen, not oxes.

One fowl is a goose, and two are called geese; but the plural of mouse is never meese. ***

III. THE WIDEST RESULT (Contd.)

*** You may find one mouse, or a whole nest of mice; but the plural of house is houses, not hices. If the plural of man is men, why shouldn't the plural of pan be pen?

If I speak of a foot and you show me two feet, or give you a boot, would a pair be a beet?

If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth, why shouldn't the plural of booth be beeth?

Then, the masculine pronouns are he, his, and him; but imagine the feminine as she, shis and shim!

Paul Lee Tan (Selected)
"Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations"
pp 715

Worship is a powerful tool used to uplift our soul. I'm told that one of the few words that is the same in every language is the word "**Hallelujah.**" It has the meaning of "**Praise the Lord!**"

I can't wait to get to heaven to join with the chorus of multitudes as we all give honour and glory and praise to the One who is so worthy. I want to sing that New Song. How about you? Are you ready to go?

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