



Hallelujah in Worship

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TODAY'S READING: Revelation 19

Hallelujah! We say this word in church settings, and like many words, we may not know the meaning. Hallelujah means "praise the Lord." We see this word used repeatedly in Revelation 19, which could be considered heaven's "Hallelujah Chorus" for three reasons. The first is that God has judged His enemies. The second reason is that God is reigning. Finally, the third reason heaven is rejoicing is that the bride is ready, or the church is ready for the return of Christ.

As I read today's passage, I view it through the lens of leading worship, probably because that is a significant portion of my job. I like to define worship as setting our mind's attention and our heart's affection on who God is and what He has done for us. Revelation 19 gives us a great model to corporately and personally worship God. From this example of heaven's worship, we worship God for what He has done and what He is doing and will do. An excellent example of worshipping God for what He has done would undoubtedly be praising Him for our salvation through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. It is a great exercise to list how God works in your life at this time and during this season to respond to Him in praise. We also give praise for what He will do.

I like to remind my team and the contemporary service as often as possible that our worship gatherings here on earth are just a glimpse of what heaven will be like. I have worshiped with over 40,000 people in one place, and it was an unbelievable roar of volume and with thousands of worship pastors at a conference which was so beautiful. As good as these times of worship were, they will not compare to when we gather around heaven's throne to worship in God's physical presence. I am excited and long for that day. Today, spend some time in prayer or song praising God for what He has done, what He is doing, and what He will do.

TOMORROW'S READING: Revelation 20

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