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TWENTY-FIVE REASONS TO WORSHIP

"If anyone worships the beast..." (Revelation 14:9) is heaven's warning against giving anyone or anything more glory than Jesus Christ. You can spend a great deal of time and energy in learning everything about the beast and the prophetic timelines of last-day events, but be assured that the greatest protection against the worship of the beast is still the genuine worship of the Lamb.

Here are some Biblical reasons why genuine worship is so important in overcoming the 'beast.' In addition to the historical/prophetic applications, the 'beast' is also any idol (object, activity, pursuit) in which we trust for personal significance and self-worth, and which is a substitute for the saving work of Jesus Christ. Genuine worship is a guard against all counterfeit worship.

1. In worship we acknowledge God as our Creator. *"Worship Him who created heaven and earth, the seas and the fountains of waters"* (Revelation 14:7); *"For You, Lord have made me glad through Your work; I will triumph in the works of Your hands"* (Psalm 92:4).
2. To worship God as Creator is a guard against all idolatry. Idols cannot create and are thus not worthy of the glory that belongs only to God. *"I am the Lord, that is My name; and My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to carved images"* (Psalm 42:8).
3. The keeping of the 7th day Sabbath as an act of worship is a celebration of our identity as God's children as revealed in both Creation and Redemption (Exodus 20:8-11; Deuteronomy 5:15).
4. Worship is a response to God's covenant faithfulness as revealed in the everlasting gospel of Revelation 14:6. *Fear God, give Him glory, and worship Him* (Revelation 14:7).
5. In worship we declare our agreement with the witnesses in heaven's open courtroom as they affirm the sufficiency and completeness of Christ's redemptive work, *"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain"* (Revelation 5:12).
6. In genuine worship we glorify God, and God is most glorified when we are most satisfied in Him.
7. In worship we participate in the final judgment by affirming and anticipating the right of Jesus Christ to establish justice in the entire universe (Revelation 11:17-19).
8. In worship we enter our work as "kings and priests" deputized by Christ Himself to deliver people from bondage and to extend God's kingdom rule into areas where Christ is not now ruling (Revelation 1:6; 5:10).
9. In worship we enter the realization of our true identity as God's very own. *"Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture"* (Psalm 100:2,3).
10. In worship and praise we enthrone God as the rightful ruler of the Universe, and thus His presence transform our lives and our circumstances (Psalm 22:3).
11. To worship is to avail ourselves of all the resources of the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. As His very own children we come before His throne of grace to receive all the covenant (last will and testament) benefits to which we are entitled as legitimate heirs.
12. Through worship we deal a deathly blow to self-sufficiency and pride, which "of all sins is the most hopeless and incurable." Worship de-centralizes 'self' and re-positions us in a correct relationship with God. (Revelation 4:10).
13. To worship is to discover our true worth, which is not measured by what we do, but by what God says about us. *"For You have made him [man] a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor"* (Psalm 8:6). The true measure of our worth is not found in self-generated self-worth, but in Christ-worth – for as God esteems Christ, so He also esteems us, and thus we are accepted in the 'Beloved.' *"To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the Beloved"* (Ephesians 1:6).

14. In worship we engage in warfare against Satan and his kingdom. As we magnify God with our praises, we remind Satan that He is a defeated foe. *“Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand, to execute vengeance on the nations and to bind their kings...”* (Psalm 149:6-8).
15. In worship we discover God’s sufficiency for our every need. When we are fully satisfied in Him, there is no way we will ever give our allegiance and worship to anyone or anything else. *“Delight yourself in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart”* (Psalm 37:4); *“My cup runs over”* (Psalm 23:5); *“They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house, and You give them drink from the rivers of Your pleasures”* (Psalm 36,7,8).
16. Worship is the path to experience fullness of joy. *“You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore”* (Psalm 16:11); *“But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; let those also who love Your name be joyful in You”* (Psalm 5:11).
17. In worship we give a joyful witness to attract others to our wonderful God who is BIG enough to handle anything. To worship is to make others glad in God. *“My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear it and be glad”* (Psalm 34:2), *“He has put a new song in my mouth – praise to our God; many will see it and fear, and will trust in the Lord”* (Psalm 40:3),
18. Worship is a heaven-ordained way to process all our negative emotions (fear, anger, worry, anxiety, bitterness, unforgiveness etc.) and replace them with joy, love, security, patience, and trust etc. in God’s goodness. *“Whenever I am afraid I will trust in you.”* (Psalm 56:3). Genuine worship powerfully aids in the process of healing the brokenhearted. Worship God daily through the reading of five Psalms, and you will cover the entire Book of Psalms in one month.
19. In worship we bear living testimonies to our children and future generations about God’s covenant faithfulness. *“One generation shall praise Your works to another, and declare Your mighty acts”* (Psalm 145:4,5), *“We will not hide [God’s words] from their children, telling to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and His strength and His wonderful works that He has done”* (Psalm 78:3,4).
20. In worship we participate with the redeemed saints in making the universe eternally secure against all sin and rebellion. *“Great and marvellous are Your works, Lord God, Almighty; just are true are Your ways, You King of Saints. Who shall not fear and glorify You for all nations shall come and worship You, for Your judgments are made manifest”* (Revelation 15:3,4).
21. In corporate worship we edify others in the congregation. *“I will declare Your name to my brethren. In the midst of the assembly I will praise You”* (Psalm 22:22), *“Let them exalt Him also in the assembly of the people, and praise Him in the company of the elders”* (Psalm 107:32).
22. To worship is to satisfy our hunger and thirst for God. *“As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear fore God”* (Psalm 42:1,2), *“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt; open your mouth wide, and I will fill it”* (Psalm 81:10).
23. In worship we let go all vindictiveness toward all who have offended us, and we trust that God will make matters right. *“Plead my cause, O Lord, with those who strive with me; fight against those who fight against me”* (Psalm 35:1). *“Arise, O Lord, in Your anger; lift Yourself up because of the rage of my enemies; rise up for me to the judgment You have commanded”* (Psalm 7:7).
24. Worship is God’s antidote to all our fears. *“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”* (Psalm 27:1).
25. Worship in “spirit and in truth” (John 4:24) makes possible the internalization of God’s truths in our hearts. *“Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts”* (Psalm 51:6).

Just imagine of what could happen in our own lives and churches if we devoted ourselves to all the dimensions of this kind of worship: *“And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved”* (Acts 2:46,47).