

Week 18
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Transforming Daily

***“ . . . give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne,
who lives forever and ever . . . ”***

Revelation 4:9

What a sight John describes in this text! There were angels, lightning, thunder, elders, creatures, loud voices and God, all way too overwhelming to think about. Can you imagine how John felt? He must have been totally discombobulated. John had entered into a heavenly worship service where no one was worried about where to park, where to sit, when to stand, whether or not the preacher's tie matched his eyes. In this scene, God was the center piece of praise.

This is just a glimpse of what it will be like in heaven. I've heard it said that if we have difficulty in praising God here on earth, finding time to attend church, and serving His ministries, what do we think it will be like in heaven? If worshiping God and fellowshiping with the saints are a bother and troublesome just on Sundays, what will it be like for eternity? Granted, the way some Christians act, one would be justified in saying, why would I want to spend eternity with them? However, it's not about the Christian it's about Christ.

On the other hand, Christians should take particular note concerning this kind of evaluation. Why would a "Christian" not want to praise and worship God, attend church, serve Christ's ministries, witness to the lost? There are at least two reasons. One reason is that they are not saved in the first place. The other reason is that they are saved, but backslidden.

I always say that you keep people with what you get them with. Something else I say is that if I can persuade you into something, someone else can talk you out of it, but if God persuades you, there will be no debating. Some statistics reveal that up 80% of church members are lost. Why did they join in the first place? The reasons vary, but there is only one reason that is genuine and that is because of a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. I assure you, based on the authority of the Word of God, that if you are rightly related to God through Jesus Christ, and you are in right fellowship with God through the direction of the Holy Spirit, you will joyfully give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever.