

# F A M O U S L A S T W O R D S a study in revelation

## **The Last Word on Worship** The Vineyard Church of Conroe

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### **Sermon Outline Notes**

*Let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds. <sup>25</sup> You should not stay away from the church meetings, as some are doing, but you should meet together and encourage each other. Do this even more as you see the day coming. Hebrews 10:24-25 NCV*

## **The Famous Last Words of Scripture PROCLAIM THE VALUE AND RELEVANCE OF THE CHURCH MEETING TO WORSHIP**

### **I. Revelation 4:1-6a** Worship Centers/God is in control

After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." <sup>2</sup> At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. <sup>3</sup> And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne. <sup>4</sup> Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. <sup>5</sup> From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. <sup>6</sup> Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

## **When the Church Worships PARTICIPANTS CENTER ON GOD**

*Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. Colossians 3:1-2*

## **II. Revelation 4:6b-11 Worship Gathers/ all creation worships**

**In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back.** <sup>7</sup> **The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle.** <sup>8</sup> **Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings.** Day and night they never stop saying: “‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,’ who was, and is, and is to come.” <sup>9</sup> Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, <sup>10</sup> the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: <sup>11</sup> “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.”

## **When the Church Worships PEOPLE GATHER TO SEE GOD**

*<sup>6</sup> Foreigners will join the LORD to worship him and love him, to serve him, to obey the law about the Sabbath, and to keep my agreement. <sup>7</sup> I will bring these people to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. The offerings and sacrifices they place on my altar will please me,*

*because my Temple will be called a house for prayer for people from all nations.”<sup>8</sup> The Lord GOD says—he who gathers the Israelites that were forced to leave their country: “I will bring together other people to join those who are already gathered.” Isaiah 56:6-8 NCV*

## **III. Revelation 5:1-7 Worship Reveals/Opening scripture brings revelation**

**Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals.** <sup>2</sup> And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?” <sup>3</sup> **But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it.** <sup>4</sup> I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. <sup>5</sup> Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! 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.” <sup>6</sup> Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. **The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.** <sup>7</sup> He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.

## When the Church Worships GOD'S WORD IS REVEALED

*25-26 All of our praise rises to the One who is strong enough to make you strong, exactly as preached in Jesus Christ, precisely as revealed in the mystery kept secret for so long but now an open book through the prophetic Scriptures. All the nations of the world can now know the truth and be brought into obedient belief, carrying out the orders of God, who got all this started, down to the very last letter. Romans 16:25-26 MSG*

### IV. Revelation 5:8-13 Worship sings/Praise erupts

**<sup>8</sup> And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. <sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. <sup>10</sup> You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth." <sup>11</sup> Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. <sup>12</sup> In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" <sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"**

## When the Church Worships SINGING ERUPTS AS A NATURAL RESPONSE

*Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. <sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. <sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. Psalm 96:1-3*

### V. Revelation 5:14 Worship Affirms/

**<sup>14</sup> The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.**

## When the Church Worships GOD AND THE PARTICIPANTS ARE AFFIRMED

*For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of*

God. 2 Corinthians 1:20