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The article *The manner of worship according to the book of Revelation* talks about worship and the different modes of worship in the book of Revelation. For example, God is worshiped for who He is but he is also worshipped for five different reasons as well. The reasons for worship involve worship for God's creative works, Christ's redemptive activity, God's realized design, God's righteous design and consummated union. For example, the twenty four elders magnify the worth of the Lamb for four reasons: He was slain; by His death. He provided redemption for people from every kindred, tongue, people, and nation; redemption resulted in their being "a kingdom and priests";and the redeemed will reign with Him in the millennial kingdom. Thus, the author was evaluating Christ's redemptive work as a means of worship. Another example, worship for God's creative works; the twenty-four elders worshiped God because He created everything that is, that is, He is worth it. Other examples are shown under the subtitles in the article. Furthermore, the manner of worship involves offering praise, songs, thanksgiving, prayers, gifts, response to God's revelation. For example, offering praise is a prominent element in worship in the Apocalypse. God is praised for His eternity and as well as His creative acts. Furthermore, the response of thanksgiving from the twenty four elders is recorded in Revelations 11 where they give thanks to God for His reign and His wrath to those who have been loyal to Him. Thus, thanksgiving is offered to God because they recognized that He is the sovereign King. Lastly, believers who worship sing. John records in His vision that is

what happens in heaven. Everyone before God's throne sings in one way or another. The truth is that believers from all around the world can learn from worshippers in heaven, that is, worshipping in spirit and true looks like singing songs, giving praises, thanking God, responding to God's revelation. Worshipping in anticipation of God's intervention is also an act of worship. The celebrative aspect of God is also seen in Revelation. For example, "For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them" (12:12). Second, "Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, because God has pronounced judgment for you against her" (18:20). Third, "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready" (19:7). This is God's personal invitation to come let us rejoice because this is our redemption. Thus, we can take part in God's worship and celebrate. This notion is contrary to culture now, that is, it is practical and easy to apply compared to sermons that dance around topics, which do not give a clear picture on worship.