

Study notes based on Sunday 17 June – Worship: Sue Fensome

Revelation 4

1. Read Revelation 4 and 5. How do these readings make you feel? What do they say to us about worship?
2. Sue talked about worship as reverence, submission and service. See 2 Kings 17:35 We instinctively respond to excellence e.g. a great painting, or piece of music, a dramatic landscape. What is different about showing reverence to God?
3. How do we know that in worshipping Jehovah, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ that we have got it right? Why not Allah, why not Krishna?
4. Sue suggested that by diligence we can uncover evidence that Jesus is to be trusted. See what He said about himself in John 14:6. Sue rehearsed a series of Old Testament prophecies which the New Testament writers claim to be fulfilled in Jesus. To what extent do we find this approach helpful?
5. Sue noted that we usually recoil at arrogance? Why do we not do this when God demands our exclusive worship, or Jesus makes such egocentric claims for himself e.g. in the 'I am' sayings?
6. Sue said that if God failed to encourage us to worship Him He would be implicated in idolatry. What do you think of this argument?
7. Under the heading 'Deliverance', Sue identified the cosmic conflict as a decision between worshipping God or worshipping something else. What is the point of worshipping Him?
8. See Romans 10:17 also Acts 17:22-31. How do we ensure that those we have contact with are not ignorant concerning the gospel?
9. Sue described worship as 'active obedience'. How does this translate into the whole of life?

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