

# **“The Future of Worship”**

*New Hope Community Church*

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*Revelation 4,5*

## **A. A Glimpse Into the Throne Room**

1. God is in the **center** of all things (4:4)
  - His magnificence will **capture** our attention
  - Nothing will **rival** His glory
2. Who God truly is will be fully **believed** (4:8,11)
  - We will see Him as absolute **purity**
  - We will see Him as ridiculously **unrivaled**
  - We will see Him as **eternally** unchanging
  - We will see Him as **sovereign** Creator
3. All are gathered in **unified** agreement (5:11,12)
  - No dissension exists — **all** are bowed low
  - No division exists — all are of **one** voice (7:9,10)
4. The **motive** of the heart will be uncompromised & undiluted (4:9,11 / 5:12,13 / 7:12)
  - God **alone** is worthy to be worshipped
  - Nothing is **withheld** - all is offered to God

<i>Honor</i>	<i>Power</i>	<i>Thanks</i>
<i>Glory</i>	<i>Riches</i>	<i>Dominion</i>
<i>Blessing</i>	<i>Wisdom</i>	<i>Might</i>

## **B. Bringing Heaven Into My Worship On Earth**

1. Let us work hard to **balance** our lives with God at the center
2. Let us grow deep in **faith**, believing all that God has revealed
  - ‘Without faith it is impossible to please God, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him’ (Hb 11:6)
3. Let us more fully **submit** to God’s rule as our unifying bond
  - ‘Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering’ (Mt 5:23,24)
4. Let us increase in **loving** God as the reason for all that we do
  - ‘God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble . . . purify your hearts, you double-minded . . . Draw near to God and He will draw near to you’ (Ja 4:6,8)

## **Reflection**

“In God’s presence, what makes no sense begins to make sense”

Whom have I in heaven but You? And besides You, I desire nothing on earth.

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. For, behold, those who are far from You will perish . . .

But as for me, the nearness of God is my good (Ps 73:25-28)