

## Operating in the Courts of Heaven – Lesson 7

### “The Testimony of the General Assembly”

You know the protocol when you’re in a courtroom and the judge enters the room. “All Rise”, a Magistrate calls out.

There is great honor shown towards the judge and the proceedings that will happen in that setting.

The court holds within its power the ability to pass judgments that can alter lives with its decisions.

So it is in the Courts of Heaven.

Our U.S. court systems were based on truths from the Scriptures and the proceedings of our courtrooms function as natural courtrooms much like what will happen in Heaven.

The Judge of All will preside and there will be an atmosphere of worship and reverence.

Heb. 12:23 indicates the Court of Heaven we come to is “The General Assembly”, “To the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in Heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect.”

**General Assembly** means universal companionship or a mass – meeting.

- Speaks of the multitude that is worshipping around the throne of Heaven from every tribe, tongue, nation and people – Rev. 7:9-12

“After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice saying:

Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying” AMEN.

Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever – Amen.”

**In the court system of Heaven around the throne there is worship:**

- Worship is a part of the proceedings of the court.
- Worship is governmental in nature.
- Worship creates the atmosphere that the Court of Heaven operates from.
- As we worship, we take our place in the General Assembly that is in the court system of Heaven.

- Our feet may be on earth, but we ascend in the Spirit and become part of the worshipping throng in the courts of Heaven.
- We say: “God’s presence came among us” but the reality is “We ascend into the Heavenly places in Christ Jesus in the atmosphere of worship.
- As we worship, we step into the governmental process of the throne room of Heaven.
- As we take our place around the throne in worship, we are able to join with and agree with the will and heart of God to bring to earth the atmosphere of Heaven.
- We are able to bring the verdicts for salvation, deliverance, healings, miracles, provision from Heaven to earth in the lives of those we are praying for.
- We are empowered to join with Heaven to exercise governmental authority.

Rev. 5:8-14 “Now, when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song saying:

You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals. And have redeemed us to God by Your blood. Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth. Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand; and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, strength and honor and glory and blessing.”

And every creature which is in Heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying:

Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!

Then the four living creatures said: Amen, and the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.”

Worship begins about the Throne with the four living creatures and the multitude of angels and elders – thousands times ten thousands.

- Then worship effects every creature in Heaven on earth and under the earth.

So worship originates in Heaven:

- The worship that God desires and is necessary to Heavenly judicial activity has Heaven as its source.
- If we are to become part of the worship around the Throne, we are to join in with the worship of Heaven that is happening 24/7.

- As we worship we are to enter and stand in the courts of Heaven helping to create the atmosphere from which judicial activity takes place.
- When we experience His presence in the earth realm, it is because we have stepped into the realm of Heaven and have become a part of the process.

Heb. 12:22-24 tells us we have come to certain things:

“But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.”

- We have come to these things as we worship and move into the spiritual dimension of Heaven.
- Though we may be in the natural realm in the Earth, simultaneously we can be in the spirit about the Throne of God in Heaven.
- This occurs as we interact with the worship of Heaven and function with the General Assembly or mass meeting around the throne.

### **The Tabernacle of David**

This worship is modeled in the life of David and his establishment of Zion and The Tabernacle of David where worship was set up to occur 24/7.

- He retrieved that Ark of Covenant and brought it to Jerusalem – 2Sam.6:17  
“So they brought the Ark of the Lord, and set it in its place in the midst of the tabernacle that David had erected for it. Then David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the Lord.”
- David cultivated the presence of God on Mount Zion as he established this 24/7 worship of the Lord so that he could effectively govern a nation from the presence of the Lord.
- This worship allowed a judicial flow of righteousness to flow from Heaven to Earth.
- David thus did not rule from natural abilities, but from supernatural abilities out of Heaven.

**If we are to function in the courts of Heaven effectively we must become worshipers!**

Our worship must be connected and joined to what is happening around the Throne of God. His will, His concerns, His passions for earth.

John 4:23-24 Jesus' declaration about His Father and what He's seeking from man: "The hour is coming and now is when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Notice that the Lord is not seeking worship, but worshipers.

When we worship in spirit and in truth, we qualify to function as God's governmental people.

- True worship enables us to step into the judicial process of Heaven with reverence, fear, awe and honor.
- We will create an atmosphere in the Earth that can join with Heaven and see verdicts rendered out of the court system of Heaven.
- Our worship creates the atmosphere for the courts of Heaven to operate in which also release the testimony into the courts that allows the Lord the legal right to implement His passion into the Earth.
- Worship is very powerful in Heaven as it enables our voice to agree with the other voices of Heaven in agreement bringing the Lords legal rights to be granted on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Our operation of worship in the courts of Heaven are necessary for our personal and family lives and also for the nations.

May we increasingly become worshipers that please the heart of our Father as this creates an atmosphere for His judicial activity to be released on our behalf and the nations we are praying for so that His Fatherly passion can be fulfilled.

As we worship, Heaven legally invades the Earth and His will is done here as it is in Heaven.

What a privilege and also a responsibility we have to join with Him to bring honor, praise and thanksgiving to Him who sits on the Throne.