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## WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

*Pronounced "Soul"*

# *The Perfect Praise*

As I was growing in the faith in my earlier years of life, I would always look forward to going to church and to hear the choir sing. There were times the Spirit would be very high and times when the Spirit might not be at the same altitude. Unfortunately, it can be the same way at times in the church today. I would wonder, "why is this"? I also discovered over the years that praise doesn't start in the church and it is not a requirement for just the choir alone. We as the people of God should be praising and worshipping Him continuously. I would wonder "what would be the perfect praise" .Why would the devotion of praises be at so many different levels in churches today?

John gives us a description of the perfect praise that takes place in heaven. In **Revelation 4:8-11**, John tells us that not only the four creatures honor God all day and all night, but the twenty-four elders worship also. When I first read this passage, I said to myself "WOW", non-stop twenty-four hours a day of worship. We today definitely don't give honor like that! Then of course I would ask myself "why"? We have so much to be thankful for. Do we know who we are dealing with? This morning God has given me a small list of why He doesn't receive the praise He deserves today. . .

1. **Disobedience** - Most people contradict God's word.
2. **Fear of the Lord** - No respect at all.
3. **Lifestyles** - We bring fleshly lifestyles into the church and expect to honor God with our best offering. We should always live a lifestyle of worship, so that the word of God will be in tact in the church as well as outside the church.
4. **Thanksgiving** - Ungrateful
5. **Strongholds** - Have not been delivered.

The list goes on and on. Chapter 4 of Revelation instructs us in worship. It shows us where, why and how to praise God. Worship takes our minds off problems and focuses them on God. Worship leads us from individual meditation to corporate worship. Worship causes us to consider and appreciate Gods' character. Worship lifts our perspective from the earthly to the heavenly.

We are not perfect people, but we should strive for that perfection of worship that only our heavenly Father deserves. It's called "**A Perfect Praise**".

### SCRIPTURE READING

PSALMS 101:3

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

100% obedience equals 100% success,

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