

LifeGroup Study

Apocalypse of Hope : Worship Warfare

SERMON SUMMARY

We often think of worship as what happens in a sanctuary, but Revelation shows us that worship is the ultimate battleground. While the **Holy Trinity** (Father, Son, and Spirit) invites us into a life of sacrificial love, the **Unholy Trinity** (Dragon, Sea Beast, and False Prophet) attempts to hijack our devotion. This week, we explored how evil mimics the divine to win our hearts through coercion and deception, and how we can resist by centering our lives on the Lamb.

KEY VERSE

Revelation 12:11
"They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death."

SERMON NOTES

[HTTPS://BIBLE.COM/EVENTS/49561121](https://bible.com/events/49561121)

DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. What ideas from the sermon caught your attention?
2. What is the most powerful worship experience you've ever had?
3. The sermon described evil as a "parody" of God. Why do you think deception is more effective than direct opposition?
4. If worship is "aligning with reality," what are some "alternate realities" the world tries to get us to believe in?
5. The Beast from the Sea mimics Christ's resurrection to gain "wonder" (Rev 13:3). What are some modern things that "amaze" us so much that they distract us from God?
6. The False Prophet (the second beast) points people toward the first beast rather than himself. Where do you see "prophetic voices" in our culture pointing people toward idols like wealth, status, or political power?
7. The "Mark of the Beast" involves the hand and the forehead (parody of Deuteronomy 6:8, 11:18). How do our daily actions (hand) and thoughts (forehead) reveal who we are truly worshipping?
8. Worship in Revelation is a form of resistance. What is one specific area of your life where saying "Jesus is Lord" feels like a protest against the status quo?
9. If someone looked at your calendar and your bank statement from the last month, who would they say sits on the throne of your life?
10. Which member of the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, or Spirit—do you feel most called to "re-center" in your life this week?

CLOSING PRAYER

Ask everyone to close their eyes and visualize a throne in their heart. Ask: "Who or what is sitting there right now? Is it anxiety? A career goal? A relationship?" Spend a minute in silence, then have everyone physically open their hands as a gesture of "unseating" that idol and inviting the Lamb to take His rightful place.