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Proper Praise
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The book of revelation is often misunderstood because the imagery contained therein is not familiar. John, while on the Island of Patmos had a primary responsibility for worship and praise. The devil does not like it when the people of God give God praise.

1. Proper Praise Requires the Lords Presence.

God is present in all of His manifestations. Wherever there is praise of God, God will be present. No matter how large or small, God inhabits the praises of his people. God shows up in all of his personhood; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He shows up in all of his names. Wherever there is praise, call him what you want but God will be there. If we want the full presence of the Lord, we must invite God into our worship and praise.

2. Proper Praise is Prepared and Pure

There are 24 thrones and 24 elders who have the responsibility for preparing the ground for the presence of the Lord. The priest had to make sure the place of worship was prepared for the LORD. They had to sanctify and purify the place where worship would take place. White robes indicate purity.

Pure praise does not indicate that the praise is perfect. Rather our praise is imperfect but our praise is pure because it is directed to a pure and holy God. It's not because we are so good but because the God we serve is so great.

3. Proper Praise is Directed to the Lord

Our praise should always be directed toward God. When this is true it will spill over to other days of the week. We praise and worship God just because of who he is. Any time is the right time to praise the Lord. David said, I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise will continually be in my mouth...Amen!!!