# Praise Evening short message 30.7.2016

# Revelation 19:5-7

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# #1

This whole conference has been on the theme of “Longing for God`s Kingdom“. Now the choir has sung “Hallelujah”, “God reigns as King”, “He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.”

## #2

What kind of a place is the Kingdom of God?

## #3

*Revelation 19:5-7*

**5** Then a voice came from the throne, saying: “Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both great and small!”

**6** Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: “Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

**7** Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.

Surely the Kingdom is almost here!

# #4

## The Kingdom of God is where God is praised

## In the Kingdom of God, everyone praises God, from the least to the greatest, as we read in verse 5. There are no exceptions, there is no one who does not or will not praise him. Not only people are praising God, but also the angels constantly praise Him together. (Revelation 4: 8). This is an important characteristic of heaven.

## #5

## ２．The Kingdom of God is where God reigns as King

## Verse 6 tells us that God is Ruler and King in the Kingdom of God. Usually we don`t feel very free if we are ruled by someone, but we can rejoice and be glad under God`s rule. There are no other `gods` there that try to steal our hearts. We can freely serve God alone and we will only *want* to serve Him. Serving Him will be our greatest joy.

## #6

## ３．By praising God now, we can build His kingdom in this world

The Kingdom of Heaven, where Christ reigns as King, has not yet come. But in the Bible we read: “Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.” (Psalm 22:3) Where we praise God in Spirit and in truth, and honour His Name as King, God rules over us as His people. This can also be seen as the Kingdom of God. But it`s important that we really worship in Spirit and in truth, not just `sing Christian songs`. Praise, prayer and worship are very much linked. They are all spiritual things and so are not possible without the Spirit of God. For this we must give ourselves fully to God, not just a part of ourselves.

## #7

I feel closest to God when I worship Him. Of course, each person experiences God`s nearness differently. Maybe for other people it`s when they pray or read the Bible. But praise is definitely one way through which we may experience God´s presence. Especially when we praise Him together with others who honour Him, we can experience the Kingdom of Heaven.

## #8

# We want to build the Kingdom of God through our praises. Even when someone else sings or plays a solo as part of the worship, we can join in by honouring God by the same Spirit. I would like to invite you to participate in the building of the Kingdom of Heaven here in this world.