

**"Into the Throne Room of Heaven!"
(Revelation 4:1-11)**

Revelation 4 takes us into the very throne room of God in Heaven! From this amazing perspective we can experience...

I. The Welcome of Heaven! (v.1)

- The **Opportunity** for Heaven
"behold, a door was opened in heaven..." (see Jn 10:9)
- The **Invitation** for Heaven
"a trumpet talking with me... 'Come up hither'..." (see Rev 1:10; 11:12)

II. The Wonder of Heaven! (vv.2-7)

- The **One Upon** the Throne (2b-3a)
"behold, a throne...he that sat was to look upon like a jasper" (see 1 Tim 6:16)
- The **Things Around** the Throne (3b-7)
*"a rainbow...24 elders...lightning...thundering...7 lamps...crystal glass...4 beasts"
(Gen 9:13-17; Ex 19:16; 24:10; Rev 1:4; 3:1; 6:1; 15:7; Is 6:1-3)*

III. The Worship of Heaven! (8-11)

- Worship is **CONTINUAL** Work
"and they rest not day and night" (See Ps 50:1; 145:2)
- Worship Rehearses God's **ATTRIBUTES**
"saying holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty which was and is and is to come"
- Worship Gives **THANKS** to God
"those beasts give glory and honor and THANKS to him that sat on the throne"
- Worship Requires Great **HUMILITY**
"fall down before Him that sat on the throne, cast their crowns before the throne"
- Worship Exalts God as **CREATOR**
"for thou hast created all things..." (see Ps 19:1; Acts 14:5; 17:24)
- Worship Desires God's **PLEASURE**
"and for THY pleasure they are and were created"

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Small Group Discussion Guide

Icebreaker: We read of an awesome place in Rev. 4. Share an experience in which you were in a place that brought feelings of wonder and awe.

1. Share something from Sunday's study that spoke to you personally – a challenge? an encouragement? a good reminder?
2. What does it mean to you to know that God reigns on His throne over all creation? What will your first moments in Heaven be like?
3. Define "Worship" in your own words. What three attributes of God do the angels praise in Rev.4:8? Why are these three so important?
4. Read and discuss Rev 4:10-11. How do the 24 elders show humility in their worship? How can we be more like this in our worship?

Digging Deeper

1. Compare and contrast John's heavenly vision with the similar visions of Isaiah (6:1-5), Ezekiel (1:4-14, 26-28), and Daniel (7:9-10).
2. What can learn about worship from the 24 elders before God's throne? (Consider Rev 4:10-11; 5:8-14; 7:9-12; 11:15-17; 14:1-3; and 19:1-4)
3. One attribute of God praised in Heaven is that He is "Almighty!" Review this continual description of Him in Rev 1:8; 11:17; 15:3; 16:7, 14; 9:15; and 21:22. What difference does God's omnipotence make in your life? (Consider Eph 3:20 and Phil 4:13)
4. Review the six principles of true worship that flow out of Rev 4:8-11. How can you improve the quality of your worship in light of Rev 4:8-11?

For Next Week

Read Rev. 5 a couple times and jot down observations. How does it build on Rev 4? How is Jesus featured in Rev 5?