

The Throne Room of God Rev 4:1-11

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We worship God because of who He is 4:1-8

We worship God because of what He has done 4:9-11

There is open door to the Throne Room of God

- Come Humbly
- Come Boldly
- Come Often

LifeGroup Study Guide

Invitation John saw a vision of heaven. Not a teaching about the rapture, but an open door for John to have a vision of God's throne in heaven. Compare 4:1 with Rev 1:19. What are "the things you have seen", the things that are," and "those that are to take place after this?"

Sights & Sounds Notice some of the sights & sounds of this vision. What does John see & hear?

What does it mean to be in the Spirit? How can we "be in the Spirit?"

What captured John's attention first and foremost?

What is significant about a "throne" in heaven?
(See also Isa 66:1; 2 Chron 18:18; Psalm 11:4; Heb 8:1; 12:2)

Who is the one on the throne that John describes as "one seated on the throne?" (Compare Rev 5:6-10 (notice 2 distinct persons, See also Daniel 7:9-14 where the Ancient of Days and the Son of Man are distinct) (See also Isaiah 6:1-8; Ezekiel 1:1-28 for comparable visions)

Glory. The existence of or the demonstration of the eternal, intrinsic attributes of God. What are the main attributes of God that we see in Rev 4:1-8? What are some other attributes of God?

How do those attributes impact our lives?

Sovereign
Holy
Eternal

What is the main response of the four living creatures and the 24 elders to the attributes of God?

Worship The old English word is *Worship*, recognizing the worth of God. The Greek word (proskuneo) means to "fall down before" or "bow before".

Can you give some Biblical examples of someone who bowed before God (Rev 4:10; 1:17; Ex 33:18-34:8; Isa.

See John 4:17-24 What kind of worshipers is God seeking?

What does it look like for a Christ follower to worship in spirit and in truth in corporate worship? In private worship?

Note: "spirit is the human spirit" Inside of man
"truth" refers to according to God's truth

How can we *give* glory, honor, and thanks to God?

Meaning of terms

-Come up here: not an explicit reference to the rapture

-Throne: speaks of sovereignty; thrones: reigning with God

-Jasper, refers to a diamond: purity of God

-Carnelian: refers to a ruby; redemptive purpose of God

(Cf Rev 21:18-20; Ex 28:17-21 Aarons breastplate, each tribe had a representative stone; Jasper 1st, Reuben "behold a son", last, Benjamin, "son of my right hand")

-24 elders on 24 thrones 3 views: Represents redeemed men of all ages (OT & NT), represents the church only, represents angels.

Crowns: these are stephanos / victors crowns. God wears diadems

Those who hold a pre-trib view believe elders represent the church

-7 spirits of God: represents the Holy Spirit (1:4, 3:1; Isa 11:2-3)

-4 living ones: may represent all creation (Other views: attributes of God, 4 depictions of Christ in the Gospels, angels)

If Creation, which is consistent with the context: Lion-wild animals; Calf-domesticated animals; Man-Man; Eagle: Flying things (or angels)