

Jesus and the Throne

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Main Passage: Revelation 4:1-11

Theological Theme

Almighty God, “who was, who is, and who is to come” (v. 8), is sovereign and seated on the throne.

Introduction

- ❓ Have you ever had an idea about how something worked, then realized reality was different from your perception?
- ❓ When you think of heaven, what comes to mind? What do you feel? What do you hear?

1. An Open Door (Revelation 4:1-2)

In Revelation chapter 4, John received a glimpse into the throne room of heaven. The action in chapter four picks up right after the letters to the churches concluded in chapter 3. John referenced “an open door” (v. 1). This was an invitation. John was invited into the heavenly throne room because God wanted to reveal something to him (remember, this is what the book of Revelation is all about: God revealing). John was told he would see “what must take place after this” (v. 1), which He’d been previously instructed (by Jesus) to write down (Revelation 1:19).

- ❓ What first impressions do you get of the heavenly throne room?
- ❓ Read Isaiah 6:1-4. What further context does this give about the throne room of God?
- ❓ What does a throne indicate in a worldly setting? How much more is this true of God’s throne?

2. The Throne Room (Revelation 4:3-8)

Our passage continues with John’s description of what he saw in the throne room, and a lot was happening. Apocalyptic literature uses imagery to evoke emotion, and the imagery in the throne room is humbling and rather majestic.

- ❓ How might you describe this scene in your own words?
- ❓ What does the description of the throne room indicate about God's power and authority?
- ❓ How does the continuous worship of God by these creatures remind us how we should interact with and respond to God daily?

3. Worship (Revelation 4:9-11)

The main action in the throne room is worship. The heavenly throne room is filled with continuous praise. The creatures worship, as is right for creation to do so. The twenty-four elders worship, too.

Look how John characterized the creatures' worship: "Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor, and thanks to the one seated on the throne, the one who lives forever and ever," (v. 9). They give glory. They give honor. And they give thanks to God the Father, who is seated on the throne. He deserves all glory, honor, and thanks.

- ❓ How would you describe this scene in your own words?
- ❓ Why is God worthy of all glory, honor, and praise? How can we reflect this reality daily?
- ❓ What of value do you need to cast down before God today? How does the finished work of Jesus remind us of the surpassing value of the Lord over all earthly things?

Conclusion

- ❓ How does remembering God's authority and power provide you comfort today?
- ❓ How can we live as more worshipful people in every area of life?
- ❓ How can you tell about God's greatness by sharing the gospel this week?