

Discussion & Application:

1. Why did God create you? What are you here to accomplish? How does the word “worship” fit with your answers?
2. We all know Pastor Paul is a crybaby, but what made him cry this past week? What emotional response(s) do you have when you think about those things? Why? If you don’t have any, why not?
3. Who are the **24 elders**?
4. Have you ever been in a serious lightning and thunderstorm? Did you want to get closer to it? What does this say about approaching the throne in heaven? On what basis can we approach?
5. What is the **sea of glass**, like crystal? Does this contradict with the statement in Rev. 21:1?
6. Who are the **four living creatures**? What do they do? Why do they do it day and night?
7. How does what the four living creatures do impact the 24 elders?
8. What principles do you learn about **worship** from Revelation 4?
9. How will these principles impact the way you worship when you gather with other believers on Sundays? Does the way you worship motivate others to want to join you? Spend time daily this week worshipping our great God and Savior. Then come ready to stimulate others to join you on Sunday.
10. Revelation 4-20 is filled with God’s wrath poured out on sinful people. What is the one and only way you can avoid God’s wrath being poured out on you?
11. Make a list of 5 people you know that would not go to heaven right now if Jesus came in judgment. Pray for them. Ask God to give you opportunity and boldness to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with them. Go and tell them that salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in the finished work of Jesus Christ alone to the glory of God alone.

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Rev. 4:4-11

“The Things Which Will Take Place” – Part 2

“The Throne Room of Heaven” – Part 2

- I. The Things Which You Have Seen – chapter 1
- II. The Things Which Are (chapters 2-3)
- III. **The Things Which Will Take Place After These Things (chapters 4-22)**
 - A. **Vision of Heaven (chapters 4-5)**
 1. **The Throne Room (4:1-11)**
 - a. **The Throne (v. 2)**
 - b. **The One sitting on the throne (vv. 2c-3, 8-11)**
 - c. **Around the throne: 24 thrones & 24 elders (v. 4)**

⁴ **Around the throne *were* twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones *I saw* twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.**

 - 24 elders: angels or men? Real number or symbolic?
 - d. **Out from the throne (v. 5a)**

⁵ **Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder.**
 - e. **Before the throne (vv. 5b-6a)**

And *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God; ⁶ and before the throne *there was something* like a sea of glass, like crystal;

- Lightning... thunder – cf. Ex. 19:9-19; Rev. 8:5; 11:15-19; 16:17-20
- Seven lamps of fire... seven Spirits of God – cf. Rev. 8:8, 10; 19:20; 21:8
- Sea of glass, like crystal – cf. Ex. 24:9f; Ps. 104:3; Amos 9:6

f. In the Center and Around the throne: 4 Living Creatures (vv. 6b-8)

and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind. ⁷ The first creature *was* like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature *was* like a flying eagle. ⁸ And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within;

- 4 living creatures: cherubim or seraphim or? (cf. Ezek. 1:5, 10:15, 17, 20; Is. 6)

- Lion ... calf/ox ... man ... flying eagle =

and day and night they do not cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come.”

- Ceaseless praise? (Rev 4:6, 9; 5:6; 6:1, 6; 7:11; 14:3; 15:7; 19:4)

- Holy, holy, holy (cf. Is. 6:3)

- Almighty (Rev. 11:17; 15:3; 16:7, 14; 19:6, 15; 21:22)

- Was...is...is to come (Rev. 1:4)

- Compare Ps. 93, 97, 99

g. Toward the throne (vv. 9-11)

⁹ And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying, ¹¹ “Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.”

- Living creatures give glory and honor and thanks (cp. Rom. 1:18ff)

- 24 elders’ response
 - Fall down (Rev. 5:8, 14; 7:11; 11:16; 19:4)
 - Worship
 - Cast their crowns
 - Worthy
 - ...our Lord and our God
 - Glory and honor and power
 - Sovereign Creator (Is. 45:9; Rom. 9:18-24; Job 38-42)

So what?