

5. How does the worship of the four living creatures impact the 24 elders? Why do you think that happened?
6. Why do the 24 elders **fall down**? What does this signify? How does this posture help them give God the glory and honor He deserves?
7. What is the significance of **casting their crowns** before the throne? What are they acknowledging?
8. Read John 4:24. Why is **TRUTH** significant when we worship? What truths about God do the 24 elders acknowledge when they worship in Rev. 4?
9. They say that God is worthy to receive “glory and honor and power.” These first two hymns focus on God as **CREATOR**. How should recognizing God as Creator impact our worship?
10. What principles do you learn about **worship** from Revelation 4?
11. 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.
12. 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?
13. 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. Invite them to come to church with you to learn more.

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Rev. 4:9-11

“The Things Which Will Take Place” – Part 3

“The Throne Room of Heaven” – Part 3

- 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)**
 - d. Out from the throne (v. 5a)**
 - e. Before the throne (vv. 5b-6a)**
 - f. In the Center and Around the throne: 4 Living Creatures (vv. 6b-8)**
- **Hymn #1:**
 - Holy, holy, holy (cf. Is. 6:3)
 - ...is the Lord God, the Almighty (Rev. 11:17; 15:3; 16:7, 14; 19:6, 15; 21:22)
 - ...who was and who is and who 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

- Compare Rom. 1:18ff

- **24 elders’ response:**
 - 1) Fall down before Him who sits on the throne (Rev. 5:8, 14; 7:11; 11:16; 19:4)

 - 2) Worship Him who lives forever and ever

 - 3) Cast their crowns before the throne

 - 4) Declare truth – Hymn #2 (antiphonal?)
 - 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 (Is. 45:9; Rom. 9:18-24; Job 38-42)

Psalm 33:6–8 (NASB95) –⁶ By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host. ⁷ He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deeps in storehouses. ⁸ Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

So what?

Discussion & Application:

1. What is **worship**? How important is worship to you? How often do you worship God? What are some practical ways you prioritize worship throughout the week?

2. If you could see God in His glory, sitting on His throne in heaven, how might that impact your worship? Would it be more or less enthusiastic (intense, zealous, frequent) than it is right now? Why or why not?

3. Discuss the **three attributes of God** mentioned in Rev. 4:8. What do those specific attributes have to do with God sitting on His throne about to judge the world? How do those attributes help us understand what is going to happen in chapters 6-20?

4. Read **Romans 1:18-32**. What does failure to honor God or give thanks reveal about a person’s heart? What will God do to people who continue to worship other things besides Him?