

Lesson 9 - Revelation 4 - John's Vision of the Throne of God

Read the text - Revelation 4, noting key/repeat words and phrases.

1. What are your conceptions of heaven? How do your conceptions compare to John's account in Rev 4? What feeling or tone do you get when you read these heavenly descriptions?
2. How did John describe the One "sitting on the throne"? How does this compare to visions of Daniel (Dan 7:9-10) and Ezekiel (Ez 1:26-28)?
3. What creatures did John see around the throne? What were they doing in heaven? Compare the picture of the four living creatures recorded in Ezekiel (Ez 1:4-14).
4. What does it mean to you to worship God? Describe your personal habits of worship. What is the common posture of those who witness the glory of God (Mt 17:6, Gen 17:3, Josh 5:14, Ez 44:4, Ac 9:4)? Why?
5. Read Ps 96:1-4 and consider Rev 4. What part does singing praises play in worshipping God? How can glimpsing true worship in heaven help us better worship on earth?

Class Outline

Main Truth – God's power and majesty stirs heart-filled, ceaseless worship.

1. John called to God's Heavenly throne room – 4:1-6a

Principle - All life emanates from and revolves around the sovereign God.

Applications - What distractions from God do you need to remove? How should a consciousness of Heaven change your daily life?

2. Four Creatures praise God's perfect holiness – 4:6b-8

Principle - Unceasing, God-centered worship naturally flows from communing with the LORD.

Applications - How does the reality of God's holiness prompt your praise and repentance? How could a high view of God re-focus your adoration on Lord God Almighty?

3. 24 Elders worship God as worthy Creator – 4:9-11

Principle - Our Creator alone is worthy of all honor, praise and sacrifice.

Applications - How do you respond when led in corporate worship? What is your heart's position in personal worship of God?