



The Revelation of Jesus on His Throne

Introduction: After receiving the message to deliver to the seven churches, John is called up to the throne room of Heaven.

Text: Revelation 4

Discussion:

1. Write/Discuss a time when you were in the presence of someone “important.” How did you feel? As you read Revelation 4 describe the feelings of standing before the throne of God that one might have?
2. Read the following: Rev. 4:1; John 10:7-9; John 14:6 John is transported to the reality of the heavenly courts. There he sees the true temple of God and the holy of holies. What is the significance of the fact that there is but one door to the tabernacle?
3. What is the importance of the standing throne in heaven? What does this say about the authority of God?
4. Why are the colors of jasper, sardius, and emerald significant? How does the breast plate of the High priest relate?
5. Who do the 24 elders represent? The reason for twenty-four thrones has been disputed: (1) some see it as connected with the orders of the Aaronic priesthood set up by David in I Chron. 24:7–19; (2) others see it as an allusion to the heavenly council which is mentioned in I Kgs. 22:19; Isa. 24:23; Dan. 7:9–10; (3) still others see it as a combination of the twelve tribes of Israel and the twelve apostles, which symbolizes the complete people of God. It refers to the leader/servants of God (cf. 21:12, 14). Regardless of the difference of interpretation— —what can we learn from these 24 in how they respond at the throne of God?
6. Read Ex. 19:16 and Rev. 4:5 Discuss/Write the similarities. When have you heard God speak?
7. What does the song of the creatures exclaim? Discuss the power of that song.
8. Why is God “worthy” according to Rev. 4:11? Discuss/write why all of creation owes praise to God.
9. Discuss/write your thoughts on the following statement: You were created by God and for God.
10. In light of Revelation 4 how will you worship God this week? How will this impact your devotion time (prayer, Bible reading, and worship?)

Think About it:

There is one throne that stands above the rest. It is not the throne of man, but of God. He rules over all of creation. By His power the world is contained. He deserves all praise, glory, and honor from all of creation. He has created us so that we might know Him and honor Him as our creator and God.

Moving Forward:

Take time each day to read Revelation 4. Meditate on different aspects of God’s mighty power. Allow your mind to be focused on the God who is over all of creation and praise Him for His might. Write out a prayer of praise as if you were before His throne.