

Revelation – The Return

Revelation 4:1-11

Jesus told John to write what would be revealed to him.

- Revelation 1:19
- Revelation 1:1

WE ARE HEADED INTO >>>>>>The throne of God

Jesus promised those who overcome will sit with Him on His throne.

- Revelation 3:21

John had a vision of the throne room of God.

- Revelation 4:1-2 Jesus is calling John and us up to the throne
- God’s throne is a reminder that He is in control, both now and in the future> What area do you need to be reminded of His control? Under His feet _____
- John described the likeness of God.
 - Revelation 4:3
 - Exodus 3:20 No one can see God and live
 - Revelation 4:5
- God alone has the moral authority to judge the world.
- God alone has the power to carry out judgment on the world.
- God, the only Creator, can do with creation as He pleases.
- The Old Testament describes God on His throne.
 - Isaiah 6:1 His train fills the temple
 - Ezekiel 1:26-28 describes the rainbow

The elders

John saw twenty-four elders around God’s throne.

- Revelation 4:4
- The elders symbolize God’s people.
- The elders’ robes and crowns encourage us to remain faithful.
- The Holy Spirit is present in God’s throne room.
 - Revelation 4:5 Seven fold ministry of Holy Spirit
 - _____
- God transcends His creation.

- Revelation 4:6

The living creatures

John saw four living creatures around God’s throne.

- Revelation 4:6-8
- God’s throne room is filled with sights and sounds unlike anything on earth.
- The four creatures are actual beings with symbolic meaning.
 - Ezekiel 1
- The many eyes of the creatures allow them to see all things, including the nature of God.
- The creatures represent all of creation:

The worship of heaven

Heaven is filled with unceasing worship.

- The creatures continuously worship God at His throne.
 - Revelation 4:8 Holy, Holy, Holy _____
 - Dad’s example:
- The creatures show us what all of creation should be doing all of the time – worshipping God!
 - Psalm 34:1-3 Glorify the Lord with me and let us
- The elders join in the worship of God’s throne room.
 - Revelation 4:9-10
- Humble submission is the posture of worship.
- We must cast our crowns of glory before the King of Glory.
- What do you need to surrender: _____
- God alone is worthy of our praise.
 - Revelation 4:11 READ together.

We join in with the throne room of God when we worship Him.

- Worship is the language of heaven: **How do we join in now?**

Action Steps

- Read Revelation 4 and take time to meditate on the images of worship in God’s throne room.
- Worship God individually and corporately this week.
- Invite someone to join us next week.

Revelation 4:8

Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under his wings. Day and night they never stop saying: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.”

4 After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice which I had heard addressing me like [the calling of] a trumpet said, Come up here, and I will show you what must take place in the future.

2 At once I came under the [Holy] Spirit’s power, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with One seated on the throne!

3 And He Who sat there appeared like [the crystalline brightness of] jasper and [the fiery] sardius, and encircling the throne there was a halo that looked like [a rainbow of] emerald.

4 Twenty-four other thrones surrounded the throne, and seated on these thrones were twenty-four elders (the members of the heavenly Sanhedrin), arrayed in white clothing, with crowns of gold upon their heads.

5 Out from the throne came flashes of lightning and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne seven blazing torches burned, which are the seven Spirits of God [the sevenfold Holy Spirit];

6 And in front of the throne there was also what looked like a transparent glassy sea, as if of crystal. And around the throne, in the center at each side of the throne, were four living creatures (beings) who were full of eyes in front and behind [with intelligence as to what is before and at the rear of them].

7 The first living creature (being) was like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature had the face of a man, and the fourth living creature [was] like a flying eagle.

8 And the four living creatures, individually having six wings, were full of eyes all over and within [underneath their wings]; and day and night they never stop saying, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty (Omnipotent), Who was and Who is and Who is to come.

9 And whenever the living creatures offer glory and honor and thanksgiving to Him Who sits on the throne, Who lives forever and ever (through the eternities of the eternities),

10 The twenty-four elders (the members of the heavenly Sanhedrin) fall prostrate before Him Who is sitting on the throne, and they worship Him Who lives forever and ever; and they throw down their crowns before the throne, crying out,

11 Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive the glory and the honor and dominion, for You created all things; by Your will they were [brought into being] and were created.

