

# Lesson 11

## The Father's Throne and the Worthy Lamb

### Revelation 4-5

Invite the Holy Spirit to teach and speak to you through the Word of God as you meditate on Revelation 4 and 5 every day this week.

As you read through the verses presented this week, look for a special verse to make your memory verse for the week. We will share our verses at the end of our discussion time.

1. What was a new or interesting thought from last week's lesson?

*“Worthy art Thou, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou didst create all things, and because of Thy will they existed, and were created.”*

*Revelation 4:11*

In Revelation 1, John was in the Spirit when he had a vision of the risen Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus told him in Revelation 1:19 to “write therefore the things which you have seen,,” referring to the risen Lord in Revelation 1; “and the things which are,” referring to the seven letters to the churches; “and the things which shall take place after these things.” As Revelation 4 opens, John is called into heaven where the Lord will show him “the things which shall take place after these things.”

2. What is the first thing that John sees in Revelation 4:2?
3. There are other passages in the Bible where the throne of God is mentioned. Read the following verses and discuss what you learn about the throne of God. I Kings 22:19, Ezekiel 1:24-28 and Daniel 7:9-10.

A jasper is like a brilliant diamond and a sardius is a fiery blood red stone.

4. What does the rainbow represent in Genesis 9:8-17?

5. If the twenty-four elders are human beings, based on your study of Revelation thus far, what do you think their white garments and golden crowns tell us about their lives?
6. Discuss the scene in Exodus 19:16-20 when the Lord was about to reveal Himself to Moses at Mount Sinai. How is this scene similar to the scene in Revelation 4?
7. The sea of glass is mentioned in Ezekiel 1:22 and Revelation 15:2. How is it described?
8. The four living creatures in Revelation 4:6-8 may be seraphim, thought to be the highest order of rank in the angelic hosts. They are also seen in Isaiah 6:1-8. Discuss what you learn about seraphim from the Isaiah and Revelation passages.

The word *holy* in Revelation 4:8 means more than simply pure, it carries the idea of being in a class by itself, of being totally separate and transcendent, utterly superior.

9. As John gets a glimpse of the throne room in heaven, what does he see?
10. Sum up the plan of the heavenly Father for his Son as found in Revelation 1:7, Psalm 2:8, Philippians 2:8-10 and Revelation 19:11-16.
11. Based on Revelation 4, do you think the plan of God will be thwarted?
12. To whom did God originally give the dominion, or right to rule, over the earth? See Genesis 1:26-28.

13. Apparently through the fall of Adam and Eve, they forfeited this right to rule. To whom was it granted according to Luke 3:6?
  
14. Who won back the right to rule according to Matthew 28:18 and Ephesians 1:20-23?
  
15. As John watches the scene in Revelation 5 there is a scroll (book) in the right hand of the Father, Him who sat on the throne. It is sealed with seven seals. Describe the scene in Revelation 5:2-5.
  
16. Who do you think is the "Lion" in Revelation 5:5? See also Genesis 49:9-10, II Samuel 7:12-17, Matthew 1:1-17 and Daniel 7:13-14.
  
17. Who do you think is "the Lamb, standing as if slain" in Revelation 5:6? See also John 1:29.
  
18. Write down characteristics of lions and lambs and discuss how these qualities are found in one person, the Lord Jesus Christ.
  
19. In Revelation 5:7, does Jesus accept the scroll and all the responsibilities that come with it?
  
20. What do you learn about the bowls of incense in Revelation 5:8?

Each one of the seven seals will bring about the severe judgments delineated in Revelation 6-8:1 that will ultimately bring cleansing, righteousness and peace to all of the earth. These judgments

are leveled against the forces that oppose God. We shall see how God sustains and strengthens His people during these judgments.

21. Why do you think the sacrificial death of the Lord Jesus Christ that is referred to in Revelation 5:9-10, demonstrates that He has the character to carry such great power and authority. What do you think motivates Him? See also John 3:16. Can we trust Him with this level of power?
  
22. According to Revelation 5:12, does Jesus have the resources that it takes to carry through the “surge” of breaking the seven seals, and thereby releasing the judgments of Revelation 6-19?
  
23. What will Jesus ultimately do with His right to rule in I Corinthians 15:24-28?
  
24. Share the memory verse that you found through this week’s study and why you chose it.
  
25. From your meditation this week on Revelation 4 and 5, what do you want to remember?

## Lecture Notes: