

Title: The Epicenter

Text: Revelation 4-5

Target: To take a journey to the center of heaven and realize what is taking place must take place at the center of our heart!

I. **The Seat on the Throne: (4:1-3)**

A. **Reserved by God:** *“At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne.”* (Vs. 4:2)

B. **Radiance of God:**

1. **Jasper & Carnelian:** *“he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian.”* (Vs. 4:3)

2. **Rainbow of Emerald:** *“around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald.”* (Vs.4:3)

II. **The Surroundings around the Throne: (4:4-8)**

A. **24 Elders:** *“clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads.”* (Vs. 4:4)

B. **7 Torches:** *“seven spirits of God.”* (Vs. 4:5)

C. **4 Living Creatures:** *“And around the throne, on each side of the throne are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind...six wings”* (Vs. 4:6,8)

1. **Lion** 2. **Ox** 3. **Man** 4. **Eagle**

III. **The Statements at the Throne: (4:8-11)**

A. **Endless Praise:** *“day and night, they never cease to say, Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.”* (Vs. 4:8)

B. **Eternal Posture:** *“They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”* (Vs. 4:10b-11)

IV. **The Scroll connected to the Throne:** *“Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals.”* (Vs. 5:1)

A. **A Proclamation of Hopelessness:** *“And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?”* (Vs. 5:2)

B. **The Provider of Hopefulness:** *“And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”* (Vs. 5:5)

1. **The Lamb Standing:** *“Lamb standing as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.”* (Vs. 5:6)

2. **The Lamb Securing:** *“And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne.”* (Vs. 5:7)

V. **The Song proclaimed from the Throne:** *“the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying...”* (Vs. 5:8-9)

A. **Prayers of the Saints:** *“golden bowls full of incense”*

B. **Praise of the Saints:**

1. **You Ransomed Us:** *“by your blood you ransomed people for God.”* (Vs. 5:9a)

2. **You Receive Us:** *“every tribe and language and people and nation.”* (Vs. 5:9b)
3. **You Repurpose Us** *“made them a kingdom and priests to our God.”* (Vs. 5:10)
4. **You Require Us:** *“And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.”* (Vs. 5:14)

Takeaway: Where will you cast your crown?