

Revelation 4 – 28 February 2019

~God's Will Be Done In My Life As It Is In Heaven~

Introduction –

Read Chapter 4 Vs 1

1. This verse begins and ends with meta-*tauta*.
 - a. From the Rev 1:19 outline of the book.
 - i. Things which have been in chapter 1
 - ii. Things which are in chapter 2-3
 - iii. Things which shall be hereafter 4-22
 - b. Chapter 4-5 is in heaven, then 6 is on earth.
 - i. Beginning in chapter 6, there's no church on earth.
 - ii. See "Daniel's 70 Weeks" timeline.
 - iii. Remember, purpose of the 7 yr Trib is a focus on Israel.
2. John here gets to experience the rapture!
 - a. There's an end to the church age (Rom 11:25, Luke 21:24)

- b. Study on the Rapture
 - i. I Thes 4:13-18
 - ii. I Cor 15:51-58
 - iii. “Biblical Types of the Rapture of the Church” by Pastor Bill Gallatin

There’s something that the Lord told us that we should pray for.

1. Read Matt 6:10 – Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
2. Since John is raptured to heaven, we get to see just how “God’s will is getting done in heaven”!!
3. **Today, we’re going to get 5 clues as to how we can duplicate God’s will getting done in our lives. -----STOP NOW AND PRAY-----**

Read Chapter 4 Vs 2-3

1. Eze 1:26-27 gives the same imagery.
2. “Like unto...” precious stones.
 - a. Remember we’re trying to explain heavenly things using the earthly, it’s just a metaphor.

- b. The meaning of the stones is more important than the stones.
 - c. Meaning of the stones? Precious/Beautiful
3. **The 1st clue to duplicating God's will in our lives (as in heaven) is to put God on the throne.**
- a. Col 1:16-17 – "...He is before all things..."
 - b. We need God's leading into each decision.
 - i. Do you pray about purchases?
 - ii. Do you pray about how to spend your Friday nights?
 - iii. Have you asked God to lead you into things that you're not even thinking about right now?

Read Chapter 4 Vs 4

1. These elders are believers already died & gone to heaven. Representatives of believing Israel & the church.

2. The 2nd clue to duplicating God's will in our lives (as in heaven) is to know your glorious position.

- a. Notice the thrones, raiment and crowns.
 - i. These were promised to those in the 7 churches from chapter 2-3.
 - ii. The other promises were
 1. Eternal life
 2. The hidden manna (more truth)
 3. A new name
 4. Stand as a pillar
- b. This is what awaits you!!
 - i. Read Eph 2:6-7
- c. These representatives of all believers are:
 - i. Living in peace and comfort – Rev 5:5 & 7:14– b/c they know not to weep b/c Jesus has overcome. Are we?
 - ii. Living in worship – Rev 4:10 & 5:8 Are we?
 - iii. Living as Royalty – Rev 5:10 Are we?

1. You're loved of the king, live that way!
- iv. Living in thankfulness – Rev 11:17 Are we?

Read Chapter 4 Vs 5-6a

1. **The 3rd clue to duplicating God's will in our lives (as in heaven) is to set the environment.**
2. Lightnings & Thunders & noises
 - a. FIRST MENTION: Moses w/ plague of thunder and hail in Egypt. (Exo 9)
 - b. Moses receiving the Law (Exo 19)
 - c. It's the powerful activity of the Lord!
 - i. Is God visible in your life?
 - ii. Are you asking God to move things for you?
3. Seven-fold Lamp
 - a. Remember the tabernacle/temple are to be pictures of God's throne room.

b. FIRST MENTION: Tabernacle building in Exo 25.

c. B/c of this verse we know that this lamp represents God's Spirit. (Also in Zec 4)

d. It's the light of the H.S. guiding into all truth and a good path!

i. Are you listening to God to guide your path, or are we charging ahead alone?

ii. Maybe sinful path wouldn't look attractive if it's wages were paid on the spot!

4. Rainbow – from verse 3 above

a. Bow – bending or arched. Emerald – shining.

b. FIRST MENTION: Noah's flood

c. Read Gen 9:13-17

d. It's the everlasting covenant of non-destruction.

i. Is it real to you that people last forever?

ii. Do you know that you currently have everlasting life?

5. Sea of Glass like Crystal

- a. The important word is glass or transparent.
- b. Mentioned here, in Rev 15 and Eze 1:22.
- c. It's living in openness!
 - i. Are you coming to the light?
 - ii. Are you admitting the truth about your situation?
 - iii. All things are open before the Lord.

6. Summary of the Environment

- a. The powerful activity of God represented by thunder and lightnings.
- b. The light of God's truth from His H.S. represented by the 7-fold lamp.
- c. The everlasting covenant of non-destruction represented by the rainbow.
- d. The openness of relationship represented by the sea of glass.

Read Chapter 4 Vs 6b-8

1. Four Beasts: literally four living ones.

2. Eze 1 & 10 give great details on these revealing them to be Cherubim.
 - a. Isa 6: He saw these 6-winged Cherubim.
3. FIRST MENTION: Gen 3 – guarding the way to Eden after sin.
4. **The 4th clue to duplicating God’s will in our lives (as in heaven) is to constantly declare and guard God’s glory, God’s Word.**
 - a. Somebody is asking themselves, “How can I have the 4 great, living Cherubim in my life?”
5. Look at the description of these 4 Cherubim.
 - a. What do we have that is to represent Jesus in our lives? HIS WORD.
 - i. Lion – Matthew; Lion of the Tribe of Judah
 - ii. Calf – Mark; Suffering servant (sacrifice)
 - iii. Man – Luke; The Son of Man
 - iv. Eagle – John: The Son of God
 - b. The same description in Eze 1:10
6. They’re a constant reminder of God’s awesomeness!

- a. Are you reminding ourselves constantly thru His Word of His greatness?
- b. Are you guarding truth and not letting lies abide in your life?

Read Chapter 4 Vs 9-11

1. **The 5th clue to duplicating God's will in our lives (as in heaven) is to have an attitude of worship.**
2. Look at Vs 9 – When was the last time we worshipped God in prayer saying, ‘thx u that you’ll live forever, perfectly forever’?
3. Look at Vs 10 – Is the posture of your heart one that bows low to God?
4. Look at Vs 11 – When was the last time we said, ‘I am here to do your bidding, O God’?
5. Read Psm 40:6-8 – Can we make this true of ourselves?

Conclusion –

Here's 5 clues as to how we can duplicate God's will getting done in our lives, as it is in heaven.

1. Put God on the throne.
2. Know your glorious position.
3. Set the environment.
4. Constantly declare & guard God's glory, God's Word.
5. Have an attitude of worship.

God's will isn't mysterious. It's a spiritual fight of faith to serve God who is worthy and not ourselves.

See, I not only want to be able to say I Tim 6:12

I also want to live out II Tim 4:7

...and say 'Thy will has been done on earth, as it is in heaven'!!!!