Revelation 4 – 25 October 2026
"On Earth 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 (Jesus) chap 1
        ii. Things which are (Church Age) chap 2-3
        iii. Things which shall be hereafter chap 4-22
    b. Chap 4-5 is in heaven, then 6ff is on earth
        i. Chap 6ff, there's no church on earth
    c. Remember, 7-year Trib is focused 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) – ending with the Rapture
3. The Rapture is taught in many ways
    a. In the text (I Thes 4:13-18, I Cor 15:51-58)
    b. In the context (Rev 1:19 & 4:1)
    c. By Jesus in Matt 24:32-44 & Luke 21:36

d. In Old Testament Foreshadowing
   i. Eve was brought to Adam
   ii. Enoch walked w/ God then God took him
   iii. Lot was pulled out of Sodom
   iv. Rahab, Daniel, etc.
   v. "Biblical Types of the Rapture of the Church" by Pastor Bil Gallatin

4. There are 2 interesting things that the Lord told us that we should pray for
   a. Read Luke 21:36 – pray we escape judgement
   b. Read Matt 6:10 – Thy kingdom come…
5. Since John is raptured to heaven, we get to see just how "God's will is getting done in heaven"!!

Today, we receive 5 clues for how we can duplicate God's will getting done in our lives

#1 – Put God on the throne (4:2-3)

Read 4:2-3

1. (Read) Eze 1:26-28a (also Eze 10) 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. Have you put God on the throne of your life?
    a. Col 1:16-17 – "…He is before all things…"
    b. Phil 2 says that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow & every tongue confess
    c. 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?

#2 – Know your glorious position (4:4)

Read 4:4

1. The elders are glorified believers (see Rev 5:9)
2. Reps of believing Israel & the church
    a. (Read) Luke 22:29-30 describes 12 thrones for the disciples during the 1,000-yr Kingdom

3. Notice the thrones, raiment and crowns
    a. These were promised to those in the 7 churches from chapter 2-3
    b. The other promises were
        i. Eternal life
        ii. The hidden manna (more truth)
        iii. A new name
        iv. Stand as a pillar
    c. This is what awaits us (Read Eph 2:6-7)
4. These representatives of all believers are:
    a. Living in peace & comfort (Rev 5:5 & 7:14) b/c they know not to weep b/c Jesus has overcome. Are we?
    b. Living in worship – Rev 4:10 & 5:8
    c. Living as royalty – Rev 5:10
        i. You're loved of the king, live that way!
    d. Living in thankfulness – Rev 11:17
    e. We can be living like this now
        i. We're in God's family now

#3 – Set the environment w/ the Holy Spirit (4:5-6a)

Read 4:5-6a

1. Lightnings & Thunders & noises
   a. Law of 1st Mention: Moses w/ plague of thunder & hail in Egypt (Exo 9)
   b. Moses receiving the Law (Exo 19)
   c. It pictures the powerful activity of the Lord!
      i. Is God visible in your life?
      ii. ***Are you asking God to do powerful things?***
2. Seven-fold Lamp (not candlestick ie Rev 1)
   a. Remember the tabernacle/temple are to be pictures of God's throne room
   b. Law of 1st 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)
      i. The candlesticks of Rev 1 (the church) were to shine the light of the Holy Spirit
   d. It's the H.S. light guiding into all truth!

i. ***Are we listening to the H.S. to guide us?***
ii. Maybe sinful path wouldn't look attractive if its wages were paid on the spot!

3. Rainbow – from verse 3 above
   a. Bow (bending/arched) & Emerald (shining)
   b. Law of 1st Mention: After Noah's flood (Gen 9:13-17)
   c. It's the sign of God's eternal commitment to be faithful and do what He said
      i. God has committed to be faithful & merciful to those that draw near to Him
      ii. ***Are we trusting in God to be faithful even when our faith is weak?***
4. Sea of Glass like Crystal
   a. The important word is glass or transparent
   b. Mentioned here, in Rev 15 & Eze 1:22
   c. It's living in openness!
      i. Are you coming to the light?
      ii. ***Are you honest about your situation?***
      iii. All things are open before the Lord

5. 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 ***God's faithfulness*** represented by the rainbow
   d. The ***openness of relationship*** represented by the sea of glass

#4 – Protect the holiness of God's Truth (4:6b-8)

Read 4:6b-8

1. Four Beasts is better translated four *living ones*
2. These four have much in common w/ both the Cherubim of Eze 1, 10 & w/ the Seraphim of Isa 6
   a. They could be describing different classes of heavenly angels
   b. Could be emphasizing different characteristics of the same heavenly angels
3. Law of 1st Mention: Gen 3 – guarding the way to Eden after sin

4. Somebody is asking themselves, "How can I have the 4 great, living creatures in my life?
5. It becomes clear when we see that these four represent Jesus & His Word
    a. Lion – Matthew; Lion of the Tribe of Judah
    b. Calf – Mark; Suffering servant (sacrifice)
    c. Man – Luke; The Son of Man
    d. Eagle – John: The Son of God
    e. The same description is given in Eze 1:10
6. They're a constant reminder to praise God & protect His Word, His completed truth
    a. Are you reminding ourselves constantly thru His Word of His greatness?
    b. Are you guarding God's truth and not letting lies abide in your life?

#5 – Have an attitude of worship (4:9-11)

Read 4:9-11

1. The power to create out of nothing could be called the root power for God toward mankind
    a. Without it, nothing else can be

b. Without it, no other power can be acted on

2. Every time someone sees God in His power, they know they're unclean & they worship Him
   a. Manoah (Jdg 13), Isaiah (Isa 6), Ezekiel (Eze 1), Peter (Luk 5)
3. Vs 9 – We can worship God in prayer saying, 'thank you that you'll live forever in perfection'
4. Vs 10 – We can live every day in a posture of humility, bowing before God
5. Vs 11 – We can live in such a way that says, 'I am here to do your bidding, O God'
6. (Read) Psm 40:6-8 was written of Jesus
   a. Can we make this passage true of us?

Conclusion

Are you praying, 'Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven'? Here's how

1. **Put God on the throne**
   a. Make Him the center of every decision
2. **Know your glorious position**
   a. He's raised us to set in heavenlies even now
3. **Set the environment w/ the Holy Spirit**
   a. Live in the power of the Holy Spirit
4. **Protect the holiness of God's truth**
   a. Treat God's Word as glorious & protect it
5. **Have an attitude of worship**
   a. If pride is the greatest sin; humility is the greatest virtue
   b. Live in grateful humility to do His will

God's will isn't mysterious, it's a choice to serve Him

I want to say I Tim 6:12 (***fight*** the good fight of faith)

I also want to say II Tim 4:7 (I've ***fought*** the good fight)

…and 'Thy will has been done on earth (thru me), as it is in heaven'!