

ACTIVATE School of Worship

Session 4: Heaven's Worship

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"If one is sitting in a well and remarks that Heaven is small, it's not that Heaven is small." -*Chinese Poet*

"O God, shine yourself into my understanding for I will never find you otherwise." - A. W. Tozer

- A. God has given us the capacity to search Him out!
 - a. **I Cor. 2:9** - *eye has not seen...but they are revealed to us by His Spirit!*
 - b. He gives more to those who seek Him.
- B. **Exodus 19:16-20** NLT - *[16] On the morning of the third day, thunder roared and lightning flashed, and a dense cloud came down on the mountain. There was a long, loud blast from a ram's horn, and all the people trembled. [17] Moses led them out from the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. [18] All of Mount Sinai was covered with smoke because the LORD had descended on it in the form of fire. The smoke billowed into the sky like smoke from a brick kiln, and the whole mountain shook violently. [19] As the blast of the ram's horn grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God thundered his reply. [20] The LORD came down on the top of Mount Sinai and called Moses to the top of the mountain. So Moses climbed the mountain.*
- C. **Exodus 24:9-11** NLT - *[9] Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel climbed up the mountain. [10] There they saw the God of Israel. Under his feet there seemed to be a surface of brilliant blue lapis lazuli, as clear as the sky itself. [11] And though these nobles of Israel gazed upon God, he did not destroy them.*
 - i. In fact, they ate a covenant meal, eating and drinking in his presence!
 - ii. In Exodus they were called up to worship and the ended up eating!
- D. **Isaiah 6:1-5** NLT - *[1] It was in the year King Uzziah died that I saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of his robe filled the Temple. [2] Attending him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. [3] They were calling out to each other, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Heaven's Armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory!" [4] Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was filled with smoke. [5] Then I said, "It's all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the LORD of Heaven's Armies."*
- E. **Ezekiel 1:4** NLT- *[4] As I looked, I saw a great storm coming from the north, driving before it a huge cloud that flashed with lightning and shone with brilliant light. There was*

fire inside the cloud, and in the middle of the fire glowed something like gleaming amber.

[5] From the center of the cloud came four living beings that looked human, [6] except that each had four faces and four wings. [7] Their legs were straight, and their feet had hooves like those of a calf and shone like burnished bronze. [8] Under each of their four wings I could see human hands. So each of the four beings had four faces and four wings. [9] The wings of each living being touched the wings of the beings beside it. Each one moved straight forward in any direction without turning around. [10] Each had a human face in the front, the face of a lion on the right side, the face of an ox on the left side, and the face of an eagle at the back. [11] Each had two pairs of outstretched wings—one pair stretched out to touch the wings of the living beings on either side of it, and the other pair covered its body. [12] They went in whatever direction the spirit chose, and they moved straight forward in any direction without turning around. [13] The living beings looked like bright coals of fire or brilliant torches, and lightning seemed to flash back and forth among them. [14] And the living beings darted to and fro like flashes of lightning.

[22] Spread out above them was a surface like the sky, glittering like crystal.

[26] Above this surface was something that looked like a throne made of blue lapis lazuli. And on this throne high above was a figure whose appearance resembled a man. [27] From what appeared to be his waist up, he looked like gleaming amber, flickering like a fire. And from his waist down, he looked like a burning flame, shining with splendor. [28] All around him was a glowing halo, like a rainbow shining in the clouds on a rainy day. This is what the glory of the LORD looked like to me. When I saw it, I fell face down on the ground, and I heard someone's voice speaking to me.

- F. **Daniel 7:9-10** NLT - [9] I watched as thrones were put in place and the Ancient One sat down to judge. His clothing was as white as snow, his hair like purest wool. He sat on a fiery throne with wheels of blazing fire, [10] and a river of fire was pouring out, flowing from his presence. Millions of angels ministered to him; many millions stood to attend him. Then the court began its session, and the books were opened.
- G. **Revelation 4:1-6** TPT- [1] Then suddenly, after I wrote down these messages, I saw a heavenly portal open before me, and the same trumpet-voice I heard speaking with me at the beginning broke the silence and said, "Ascend into this realm! I want to reveal to you what must happen after this." [2] Instantly I was taken into the spirit realm, and behold-I saw a heavenly throne set in place and someone seated upon it. [3] His appearance was sparkling like crystal and glowing like a carnelian gemstone. Surrounding the throne was a circle of green light, like an emerald rainbow. [4] Encircling the great throne were twenty-four thrones with elders in glistening white garments seated upon them, each wearing a golden crown of victory. [5] And pulsing from the throne were blinding flashes of lightning, crashes of thunder, and voices. And burning before the throne are seven blazing torches, which represent the seven Spirits of God. [6] And in front of the throne there was pavement like a crystal sea of glass. Around the throne and on each side stood four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind.

[7] The first living creature resembled a lion, the second an ox, the third had a human face, and the fourth was like an eagle in flight. [8] Each of the four living creatures had six wings, full of eyes all around and under their wings. They worshiped without ceasing, day and night, singing, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty! The Was, the Is, and the Coming!" [9] And whenever the living creatures gave glory, honor, and thanks to the One who is enthroned and who lives forever and ever, [10] the twenty-four elders fell facedown before the one seated on the throne and they worshiped the one who lives forever and ever. And they surrendered their crowns before the throne, singing: [11] "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory, honor, and power, for you created all things, and by your plan they were created and exist."

H. **Revelation 15:2-4 NLT** - *[2] I saw before me what seemed to be a glass sea mixed with fire. And on it stood all the people who had been victorious over the beast and his statue and the number representing his name. They were all holding harps that God had given them. [3] And they were singing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb: "Great and marvelous are your works, O Lord God, the Almighty. Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations. [4] Who will not fear you, Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous deeds have been revealed."*

Picture it...

Overview: what are the main elements?

- Noise! - Like a thunderstorm, Like a tornado.
- Fire!
- Beauty/color
- The 8 living creatures
- Angels
- People

Participation

- they feel things
- they see things
- they do and say things

What is our response?

- Behold a throne!
- Look, gaze on it (**Ps. 27**), encounter it, search it out...

Holy holy holy... God is of a totally different order, a different kind

Forever and ever... God is an endless ocean waiting to be drunk, An endless paradise waiting to be explored.

You are worthy:

You deserve it

You are capable of doing it

You are worth whatever it costs me

Whatever I give up is nothing compared to what He gave up.