

## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

#### Worthy Worship

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#### How do you see God?

Revelation 4 Then as I looked, I saw a door standing open in heaven, and the same voice I had heard before spoke to me like a trumpet blast. The voice said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after this.” <sup>2</sup> And instantly I was in the Spirit, and I saw a throne in heaven and someone sitting on it. <sup>3</sup> The one sitting on the throne was as brilliant as gemstones—like jasper and carnelian. And the glow of an emerald circled his throne like a rainbow. <sup>4</sup> Twenty-four thrones surrounded him, and twenty-four elders sat on them. They were all clothed in white and had gold crowns on their heads. <sup>5</sup> From the throne came flashes of lightning and the rumble of thunder. And in front of the throne were seven torches with burning flames. This is the sevenfold Spirit of God. <sup>6</sup> In front of the throne was a shiny sea of glass, sparkling like crystal. In the center and around the throne were four living beings, each covered with eyes, front and back. <sup>7</sup> The first of these living beings was like a lion; the second was like an ox; the third had a human face; and the fourth was like an eagle in flight. <sup>8</sup> Each of these living beings had six wings, and their wings were covered all over with eyes, inside and out. Day after day and night after night they keep on saying,

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty—  
the one who always was, who is, and who is still to come.”

<sup>9</sup> Whenever the living beings give glory and honor and thanks to the one sitting on the throne (the one who lives forever and ever), <sup>10</sup> the twenty-four elders fall down and worship the one sitting on the throne (the one who lives forever and ever). And they lay their crowns before the throne and say, <sup>11</sup> “You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased.”

**The depth of our worship is directly related to our view of God.**

**God's holiness brings us to awe-filled reverence.**

**God's holiness reveals that we are not.**

Isaiah 6:3 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.”

**God's holiness leads us to experience joyful gratitude before Him.**

**Big Idea: Join in worship of the Holy God with joyful gratitude as you trust in the finished work of Jesus.**

Revelation 5:13 And then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They sang: “Blessing and honor and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever.”

**Worshipping God is our eternal vocation.**

**True worship involves laying our crowns before God.**

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Revelation 7:9-10 After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> And they were shouting with a great roar, “Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!”



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- 2) How did the message resonate with you? What questions or comments did it raise for you?
- 3) Read Revelation 4. Imagine yourself in this scene before God. In what ways is this scene similar or different from how you often see God? How does this scene alter your view of God?
- 4) Discuss the words used to describe God in Revelation 4. What characteristics are ascribed to God? What implications does this have on our view of Him?
- 5) How have you viewed God's holiness in the past? Have you tended to view God more as a legalistic God or as your 'buddy' who is morally neutral? How does a true view of God's holiness lead us to joyful gratitude in worship?
- 6) Reflect on the following statement: "God's holiness is not a competing attribute, but a completing attribute of God". In what ways do you agree or disagree? How does the holiness of God help us gain a complete picture of who God is?
- 7) How have you typically thought of worship? How would you define your worship before God? How do you think this changes when you view it as your 'eternal vocation'?

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