

## I. The Focus of John (1-3)

**A. Heaven's invitation (1) - “After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.”**

**B. Heaven's atmosphere (2a) - “At once I was in the Spirit...”**

**C. Heaven's King (2b-3) - “...and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with One seated on the throne. And He who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald.”**

## II. The Focus of the Heavenly Creatures (6b-11) **12 times in the eleven verses of Chapter 4 the throne is mentioned**

**A. How these worshiping creatures appear (6b-8a) - “And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: 7 the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. 8 And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within...”**

**B. What these worshiping creatures declare (8b) - “...and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!””**

**C. Where these worshiping creatures look (9) - “And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever...”**

## III. The Focus of the Elders (4-6a, 10-11)

**A. They were fixated upon His throne (4-6) - “Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. 5 From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, 6 and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.”**

**B. They were prostrate before His throne (10) - “The twenty-four elders fall down before Him who is seated on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying...”**

**C. They were vocal before His throne (11) - “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.”**