

“Bowing Before His Throne”

Revelation 4:1-11



1. Heaven’s Invitation To Us (1)

- a. God makes Himself accessible to us (1a) - “After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven!”
- b. God makes His offer personal to us (1b) - “And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said...”
- c. God makes His end-game known to us (1c) - "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."

2. The Spirit’s Revelation To Us (2-7)

- a. We must acquire spiritual vision (2) - “At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with One seated on the throne.”

Our vision for Heaven must be a vision of an everlasting Kingdom, presided over by the only One worthy to reign upon the throne of matchless glory and perfection.

- b. We must maintain undistracted focus (3-7)

With all the amazing imagery that characterize this scene in Heaven - rainbows, beautiful jewels, the thrones of redeemed elders, golden crowns of reward, lightning, thunder, holy fire, a sea of glass, strange heavenly creatures - the focus remains fixated upon Heaven’s throne and Jesus Christ the Lord who reigns upon it.

3. The Victorious Communication To Us (8-11)

- a. The anthem from the angels (8) - “And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, 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!"”

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- b. The oneness of the worshipers (9-10a) - "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, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who is seated on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever."

Both the angelic worshipers and the human worshipers share one singularity of focus: the glorious, eternal King who reigns upon an untouchable throne.

- c. The exclamation from the elders (10b-11) - "...They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 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."