

QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when you recognized God's divine control over a situation in your life. How did you feel knowing God was in control of the situation?

2. What are some of the reasons that believers try to take matters into their own hands instead of trusting God?

3. Read the following verses and note what the Bible says about God's sovereignty:
 - a) I Chronicles 29:11-12
 - b) Job 42:2
 - c) Psalm 103:19
 - d) Psalm 115:3
 - e) Proverbs 19:21
 - f) Isaiah 46:9-10
 - g) Daniel 4:35

4. What is the purpose of the crowns that are given to believers to reward them for their earthly works?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week's message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
 - I am going to do a Bible study on heaven by looking up the passages in Scripture that speak about heaven.
 - I am going to write down three things about which I am anxious and commit them to prayer each day this week.
 - I am going to memorize Psalm 103:19.

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Revelation 4:1-11

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Study Series # 11

God is Still on the Throne!

I. Introduction

A. What is Heaven Like?

(See Ezekiel 1:4-14; Ezekiel 10:1-22; Daniel 7:9-14;
II Corinthians 12:2-4)

B. The Outline of the Book of Revelation

(See Revelation 1:19; Revelation 4:1; Revelation 2:7;
Revelation 2:11; Revelation 2:17; Revelation 2:29;
Revelation 3:6; Revelation 3:13; Revelation 3:22)

- ✓ "The things which you have seen..."
- ✓ "The things that are..."
- ✓ "The things which shall take place after these things"

II. The Scene in Heaven

A. John is Called Up to Heaven

(See Revelation 4:1; I Kings 8:27; Hebrews 8:1; Ezekiel 1:1;
Revelation 1:10; I Corinthians 15:51-52;
I Thessalonians 4:13-18)

- ✓ The first heaven (Genesis 6:7; Matthew 6:26)
- ✓ The second heaven (Matt 24:29; Deuteronomy 4:19)
- ✓ The third heaven (II Corinthians 12:2)

B. John Describes the One Sitting on the Throne

(See Revelation 4:2-3; Acts 14:19; I Kings 22:19; Isaiah 6:1; Exodus 28:17-20; Revelation 21:11; I John 1:5; Romans 8:32; Romans 5:8)

Passage of Study

Revelation 4:1-11

C. John Describes the Elders around the Throne

(See Revelation 4:4; Revelation 3:5; Revelation 3:18; Revelation 19:8; Revelation 2:10)

¹ After these things I looked, and behold, a door *standing* open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like *the sound* of a trumpet speaking with me, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things.” ² Immediately I was in *the Spirit*; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and *someone* was sitting on the throne. ³ And He who was sitting *was* like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and *there was* a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance. ⁴ Around the throne *were* twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones *I saw* twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.

⁵ Out from the throne came flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven spirits of God; ⁶ and before the throne *there was something* like a sea of glass, like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind. ⁷ The first living creature *was* like a lion, the second creature like a calf, the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature *was* like a flying eagle. ⁸ And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy *is* the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come.” ⁹ Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: ¹¹ “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”

D. John Describes the Scene Coming Out from the Throne

(See Revelation 4:5-6; Exodus 19:16; Ezekiel 1:13; Isaiah 11:1-2; Ecclesiastes 3:11)

E. John Describes the Four Creatures around the Throne

(See Revelation 4:6-8; Ezekiel 1:10; Revelation 5:5; I Timothy 5:18; Mark 10:45; Isaiah 6:3; Hebrews 13:8)

III. Conclusion

(See I Corinthians 9:25; James 1:12; I Thessalonians 2:19-20; I Peter 5:1-4; II Timothy 4:8; Ephesians 2:10)

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please contact the church office and the pastor will contact you.

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