

STUDYING THE BOOK OF REVELATION
IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Lesson 11 - The Throne in Heaven - Revelation 4:1-11

Read the following verses in the New International Version or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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REV 4:1 After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." [2] At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. [3] And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian. A rainbow, resembling an emerald, encircled the throne. [4] Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. [5] From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. Before the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits* of God. [6] Also before the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. [7] The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. [8] Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under his wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

"Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come."

REV 4:9 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:

REV 4:11 "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."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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137. After receiving messages for the seven churches, what did John see? (4:1)
138. What kind of voice did John hear? (4:1)
139. What did the voice John heard say to him? (4:1)
140. What incredible sights did John see? (4:2-11)
141. How did John describe the one sitting on a throne? (4:3)
142. How did John describe what he saw? (4:3)
143. What encircled or surrounded the throne? (4:3-4)
144. How were the twenty-four elders dressed? (4:4)
145. What came from the throne? (4:5)
146. What did John see in front of the throne? (4:5-6)
147. What kind of creatures were "in the center, around the throne"? (4:6-7)
148. How were the four living creatures around the throne similar? (4:8)
149. What attribute of God did the four living creatures praise again and again? (4:8)
150. How did the twenty-four elders worship the Lord God? (4:9-10)
151. Why did the elders say God was worthy of their worship? (4:11)
152. What does it mean to worship God?