

Revival Christian Fellowship

The Church Victorious

Revelation 4:1-11 - The Triumphant Church

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Main Point: John describes the throne room of God.

Introduction

- What assurance does Philippians 3:19-21 give to Christians?

Understanding

1. The Throne of Heaven.

a. On the Throne. Read Revelation 4:2-3a.

- i.* Why is it significant that John had this vision “in the Spirit?” What does this mean?
- ii.* Who, or what, was the predominant subject of John’s vision of heaven? What does this tell you God wants us to know about heaven?
- iii.* What does the throne symbolize?
- iv.* What does Psalm 103:19 teach us about the throne?
- v.* What stones did John mention? Why might John have used these stones to describe what he saw?

- vi. What feelings do you associate with being in God's presence? Describe a time when you were especially aware of His presence.

b. Around and about the Throne. Read Revelation 4:3a-4.

- i. In verse 3a, what does the emerald rainbow represent?
- ii. Who are the 24 elders? Who do they represent?
- iii. What is the meaning behind their white garments and golden crowns?

c. Out of the Throne. Read Revelation 4:5.

- i. What do the flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder represent?

d. Before the Throne. Read Revelation 4:6-8.

- i. Look at the heavenly creatures' song in verse 8. What specific aspects of God the Father's nature did they praise?

- ii. What are some possible interpretations for the creatures in verse 7?
- iii. According to verse 8, how often do the creatures around the throne of God worship Him? What does that tell us about our worship of God?
- iv. What does it mean that God is holy?
- v. How might our attitude and actions toward God be different if we constantly reminded ourselves of His holiness?

2. The Theme of Heaven. Read Revelation 4:9-11.

- a. The 24 elders "cast their crowns before the throne." What is the purpose of a crown (see 2 Timothy 4:8)? What does the action of casting their crowns before the throne symbolize?
- b. Do you think posture is important in worship? Why or why not? What do different postures of worship communicate to God?
- c. How does knowing this day is coming increase our urgency to bring hope to the world?

Application

- What purpose does knowing what John saw in Revelation 4 have for us?