

Believers Together - Discovering Truth Bible Studies
Tuesday July 9th, 2024 - The Throne in Heaven—Revelation 4:1–11

Open It

1. What is a place or experience that is difficult for you to describe to others?

Revelation 4:1–11 (ESV)

¹After 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.”

²At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne.

³And 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.

⁴Around 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.

⁵From 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,

⁶and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind:

⁷the 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.

⁸And 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!”

⁹And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever,

¹⁰the 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,

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.”

Explore It

2. What kind of voice did John hear? (4:1)
3. How did John describe what he saw? (4:3)
4. How were the twenty-four elders dressed? (4:4)
5. What did John see in front of the throne? (4:5–6)
6. What kind of creatures were “in the center, around the throne”? (4:6–7)
7. What attribute of God did the four living creatures praise again and again? (4:8)
8. How did the twenty-four elders worship the Lord God? (4:9–10)
9. Why did the elders say God was worthy of their worship? (4:11)

Get It

10. Why do you think God’s throne figures prominently in the book of Revelation?
11. What impressions does this passage give you of God the Father?
12. What is the significance of the lightning and thunder that comes from God’s throne?
13. What changes are you moved to make when you reflect on the holiness and majesty of God Almighty?

Apply It

14. What reminders can you use this week to keep the reality and glory of God at the front of your mind?