



## Today's Message

Date: December 15, 2013  
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Title: ***The Throne Room of Heaven***  
Text: Revelation 4 (ESV)

After 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."<sup>2</sup> At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne.<sup>3</sup> And 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.<sup>4</sup> Around 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.<sup>5</sup> From 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,<sup>6</sup> and 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:<sup>7</sup> the 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.<sup>8</sup> 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!"

<sup>9</sup> And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever,<sup>10</sup> the 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,

<sup>11</sup> "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."

Introduction: The voice of the glorified Christ summons John into the very throne room of heaven (4:1, cf. 1:10). John then summons his readers to “see” what he beheld in his vision (v. 2). This vision sets up the description of the Tribulation that follows (beginning in chapter 6).

**Today’s take-home truth: The Sovereign God of the universe is worthy of all worship.**

**I. Behold the Sovereign upon his throne . . .**

- A. He reigns eternally.
- B. He reigns over the details of history.
- C. He reigns in awesome majesty.

**II. the center of all creation . . .**

- A. The church is engrossed with him.
- B. Angels are transfixed on him.

**III. glorious beyond description . . .**

- A. Transcendent
- B. Almighty
- C. Eternal

**IV. and adored by the church and angels.**

- A. He alone is worthy of worship . . .
- B. because he is the great Creator.