

The Throne Room (3/16/25)

Discussion Questions

Summary: In Revelation 4 we turn from seven letters to the Church and are suddenly in the throne room of God. Like Isaiah and Ezekiel before him, John is overwhelmed by the sights and sounds and above all by the glorious figure on the throne. This dramatic chapter shows us three ways to respond to an encounter with God: 1) surrender to the one true King; 2) celebrate the grace of the King and; 3) sing praise to the King of Kings. We have the incredible privilege to join in the everlasting song of the saints and angels. And as with Isaiah and Ezekiel, this unveiling of God's glory should prepare us for our commissioning into His service!

"When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, 'Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.'" Revelation 1:17-18

How to Respond to an Encounter with God:

1. **Surrender** to the One True King (vv. 1-3, 10)
 - The God of infinite glory, matchless **Power** and everlasting peace (Ezek. 1:26-28)
2. **Celebrate** the grace of the King (v. 4)
 - The robe of salvation, crown of **Glory**, and throne of authority
3. **Sing** praise to the King of Kings (vv. 5-11)
 - Perfect knowledge, total **Supremacy**, absolute holiness (Is. 6:1-9)

"I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, 'To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' and the elders fell down and worshiped." Revelation 5:13-14

Get Started:

1. Do you often have dreams?
2. Have you ever had a really vivid dream? What was it about and how did it affect you?

Dig Deeper:

3. Read Revelation 4:1-11. What stands out to you in this passage?
4. How is the throne room of God described (v. 2-3)? Read Ezekiel 1:26-28 and discuss the similarities.
5. Why do you think there are 24 elders? How are these elders described? (v. 4)
6. How are the storm signs of v. 5 reminiscent of Mount Sinai and the giving of the Law? (See Ex. 19:16-20)
7. What is the "song" of the 4 creatures and 24 elders?

Move Forward:

8. Share a time when you "saw" or experienced the glory of God in a special way. How did it affect you?
9. What does surrender to the Lord look like in your life right now? How are you having to fall down before His throne?
10. Of the images of God's grace in this chapter (crowns, thrones, robes, access) what is most encouraging to you right now? Why?

11. Read Ezekiel 2:1-3. After seeing God's glory, the prophet was sent out. How do you sense God sending you right now? How can we pray for you in this regard?