

The Glory of God (Revelation 4:1-11)

Praying with Jesus – Part 7

Life Church St. Louis – February 23, 2014

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Matthew 6:13b (NASB) [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]

1 Chronicles 29:11 (NIV) Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

Psalms 115:3-5, 8 (NIV) Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him. But their idols are silver and gold, made by the hands of men. They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but they cannot see; ... Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them.

1. Look into _____

Revelation 4:1 (NIV) 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."

1A. God _____ all

Revelation 4:2 (NIV) At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it.

1B. God demonstrates love and _____

Revelation 4:3 (NIV) And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian. A rainbow, resembling an emerald, encircled the throne.

2. _____ enjoy God's presence in heaven

Revelation 4:4 (NIV) 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.

2A. God's _____ promotes worship

Revelation 4:5 (NIV) 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.

2B. God's Spirit brings _____

Revelation 4:6a (NIV) Also before the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

3. Heaven is _____ with worship

Revelation 4:6b (NIV) In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back.

3A. Heaven is _____ than you can imagine

Revelation 4:7 (NIV) 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.

3B. Heaven is permeated with God's _____

Revelation 4:8 (NIV) 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."

4. Worship the _____ God

A. Revelation 4:9 (NIV) Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever,

3A. Worship by _____ to God

Revelation 4:10 (NIV) 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:

3B. Worship the _____ God

Revelation 4:11 (NIV) "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."

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Intro. Why should we worship God in prayer, as in Matthew 6:13b and 1 Chronicles 29:11?

In what ways is every person a worshipper? If people don't worship the true God, what or who do they worship?

How do people become like what they worship (Psalm 115:3-5,8)?

1A. Why is it important for us to understand what is going on in heaven (Revelation 4:1)?

1B. What is significant about the throne being the first thing John sees in heaven (Revelation 4:2-3)?

1C. How did this vision of heaven comfort the persecuted church of John's day? How can it encourage the church in our day?

2A. How does it change your view of heaven to realize that believers will reign with Christ in heaven (Revelation 3:21, 4:4)?

2B. In what ways is the presence of the Holy Spirit essential for worship (Revelation 4:5)?

2C. How can an understanding of heaven help in our prayer lives?

3A. In what ways do the spiritual creatures of heaven interact with the earth and its people (Revelation 4:6-7, Hebrews 1:14)?

3B. Explain the holiness of God (Revelation 4:8).

3C. How must our lives be holy in order to approach God in prayer?

4A. How does the eternal nature of God set Him apart from all created beings (Revelation 4:9)?

4B. How do the actions of the 24 elders serve as an example to us of how to worship (Revelation 4:10)?

4C. Why is so wrong to worship created things (idols) (Revelation 4:11, Romans 1:22-25)?

4D. What are some ways that you can grow in worshipping the glory of God, both in your individual life and with other believers?