

day 2 | Heavenly Throne-Room Scene 4

Today let me take you to another throne-room scene. In Revelation John describes a heavenly vision that includes a view into God's throne room.

- 1 Turn to Revelation 4:1-5 in your Bible. As you read, look for the things John describes in this throne room that are similar to the other scenes we've studied. Write the similarities below.

Notice the similarities of this description to the other scenes: the throne, God seated, the rainbow, heavenly creatures, fire, and flashing light. John too is having difficulty with words that are adequate to describe what he sees. Jasper and carnelian were the most precious jewels of John's day. He's comparing the Lord to these. Then *seven spirits of God*? Who is that?

Some suggest that the number seven in Scripture is a picture of fullness or completeness, as in Daniel's reference to 70 days in Daniel 9:24. Others believe the seven spirits refer to Isaiah 11:2: "The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD."

- 2 Now read Revelation 4:6-11. What characteristic of God do you read that is repeated three times to indicate force?

Does this remind you of Isaiah 6? It should. This is the same throne room! Why off with the crowns? Because no one, rightly viewing God's holy throne room, wants to be associated with personal honor. God doesn't share His glory. "Not to us, O LORD ... but to your name give glory" (Ps. 115:1).

John also adds to our understanding of the angelic chorus: "Worthy are you, our Lord and God" (Rev. 4:11). The word translated *worthy* was used of properly balanced scales. If the weight of the precious metal was equivalent to the standard weight, it was considered worthy—it balanced out. When

Scripture says God is worthy, it means there is no amount of praise that we can place on Him that somehow tips the scales. We can't come close to overdoing our expression of praise and worship.

Sincere worship, given from the heart, is never over the top, or too much, because He is worthy. "*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" (Rev. 4:11, emphasis added).

🎧 **Listen again to "The Glory of God" and sing along if you like. Focus your attention on bowing and casting a crown before the Lord in worship.**

👉 **Name to God things of great value and declare that He is more worthy than every thing of value you can imagine. Make a list in the margin. ↑**