

# ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

## Revelation 4

### Introduction:

- A. Revelation 4 is a vision of h\_\_\_\_\_, but only around the t\_\_\_\_\_ of the Father.
1. There are 24 e\_\_\_\_\_ who worship before the throne
    - a. They have similarities to believers - clothed in w\_\_\_\_\_ (see 3:5); sit on t\_\_\_\_\_ (see 3:21); wear victory c\_\_\_\_\_ (see 3:11)
    - b. They are created spirit beings that are different than angels and believers.
      - 1) Rev 5:8-11 – carry the p\_\_\_\_\_ of the saints.
      - 2) Rev 7:9-11 – different than b\_\_\_\_\_ - we see them in addition to the entire multitude of believers.
      - 3) Rev 14:3 – different than the 144,000 who had been p\_\_\_\_\_ from the earth.
      - 4) Rev 7:11 – different than the a\_\_\_\_\_
  2. Some try to make John represent the c\_\_\_\_\_ and teach that the rapture happens in this part of the vision
    - a. John is not a s\_\_\_\_\_. He is himself
    - b. Remember, this is revelation not speculation.
- B. This chapter is not a description of the church in heaven, but *our Father who art in heaven.*

### ***Our Father, who art in heaven - Worship Him Always (1-8)***

- A. The description of the Father
1. M\_\_\_\_\_, P\_\_\_\_\_, and Unique
    - a. His appearance is compared to the brilliance of two s\_\_\_\_\_ (see Ex 28:17-21)
    - b. Thunder, lightning and indescribable s\_\_\_\_\_ come from the throne (v. 5)
    - c. Over the throne is something like a brilliant r\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3)
    - d. Out from the throne was something like a sea of c\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 6)
  2. What reaction does this display receive
    - a. On earth the reaction would be f\_\_\_\_\_ (Ex 19:16)
    - b. In heaven the reaction is continual w\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 8-11)
- B. The Father desires worship on earth as it is in heaven

1. Rom 1:19,20 - it is an i\_\_\_\_\_ need of every individual to worship the Creator. But most try to fill this need by worshipping created things.
2. What is worship?
  - a. There are many e\_\_\_\_\_ of worship seen in the Bible - singing, speaking praises, giving gifts, living g\_\_\_\_\_ lives (remember godly means good w\_\_\_\_\_)
  - b. Worship is where we l\_\_\_\_\_ ourselves in God and revolve our life around Him.
3. Points to ponder
  - a. Do you tend to revolve your life around various things like finances, family, hobbies, goals, dreams?
  - b. God gave us all these things to e\_\_\_\_\_ but only in a way that is glorifying to Him (1Tim 6:17,18)
  - c. Are you trying to fit God into your life?
    - 1) God is too b\_\_\_\_\_ to fit in your life.
    - 2) Get out of the mentality of making life with God just a segment of your life (job life, family life, leisure life, religious life)
    - 3) Revolve your job, family, leisure, church, around God. Put Him at the c\_\_\_\_\_ of everything. Worship Him always!

***Hallowed be Thy name – Emphasize Him Always (8-11)***

- A. There are three unique characteristics of the Father that these created beings ascribe to Him in their worship.
  1. The most h\_\_\_\_\_ - the word literally means to be set apart, different. His being is unp\_\_\_\_\_.
  2. The Alm\_\_\_\_\_ - His power is unm\_\_\_\_\_.
  3. The most e\_\_\_\_\_
    - a. Believers and angels are eternal beings but because they are c\_\_\_\_\_, they have a beginning.
    - b. The Father eternity goes both ways
      - 1) Eternity f\_\_\_\_\_ - lives forever and ever (v. 10)
      - 2) Eternity p\_\_\_\_\_ - who was (see Ps 90:10)
- B. How do we hallow God's name?
  1. Connect Him to all that you p\_\_\_\_\_ by thanking Him for providing it.

2. Connect Him to the o\_\_\_\_\_ you enjoy by
3. Connect Him with the t\_\_\_\_\_ in the world that seems to prevail by praising Him for being in c\_\_\_\_\_.

***Thy kingdom come – Obey His will always (8c)***

**A. Two things to note in order to understand this vision**

1. Jesus is NOT at the right hand of the Father
  - a. The last thing told John before this vision was that Jesus had o\_\_\_\_\_ and was sitting at the right hand of the Father (Rev 3:21)
  - b. Other scriptures tells us that when Jesus conquered death, He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father (Mk 14:62; Rom 8:34; Eph 1:20; Col 3:1; Heb 1:3; 1Pet 3:22).
2. The Father is described as *who is to come* by the 24 elders in verse 8.
  - a. In Rev 11:15-17, the last t\_\_\_\_\_ sounds and Christ returns. The Father is only described *who is and who was*.
  - b. The KJV follows a 12<sup>th</sup> century manuscript that has *who is to come*.
    - 1) Comparing all Greek copies of Revelation one can see how a scribe would have thought *who is to come* was missing
    - 2) Contextually, *who is to come*, would be nonsensical since He had already come.
3. During this portion of the vision, Jesus is on e\_\_\_\_\_.

**B. While on earth, Jesus told us to pray, *Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.***

1. Are you and I on earth? Then His will must s\_\_\_\_\_ with our individual lives.
2. The Bible d\_\_\_\_\_ God's will for our lives
  - a. He wants us to live h\_\_\_\_\_ and g\_\_\_\_\_ lives.
  - b. He states that if we do live such lives we will h\_\_\_\_\_ on the day of the Lord's coming. (2Pet 3:11).
3. Are you striving to obey His will always?

**Conclusion - *Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. And let it begin with me.***