**Heaven’s Throne Room, pt. 3**

*Revelation 4:8-11*

Context

Revelation 4 and 5 is all about the throne room of God and the One who sits on the Throne. To help us understand what John seeks, we also have the fullness of revelation in other passages to give us a robust view of the eternal God. John 4:24 says that God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. Additionally:

* **1 John 1:5**—*This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.*
* **Colossians 1:15**—*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.*
* **Hebrews 11:27—***By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.*
* **John 1:18—***No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him*
* **1 Timothy 6:15-16—***which He will bring about at the proper time—He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords,****16****who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.*

**Anthropomorphic**—having human characteristic

* **Exodus 6:6**—*Say, therefore, to the sons of Israel, ‘I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from their bondage. I will also redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.’*
* **Isaiah 23:11**—*He has stretched His hand out over the sea, He has made the kingdoms tremble; The Lord has given a command concerning Canaan to demolish its strongholds.*
* **Deuteronomy 4:34**— *Or has a god tried to go to take for himself a nation from within another nation by trials, by signs and wonders and by war and by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm and by great terrors, as the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?*
* **Leviticus 20:6**—*As for the person who turns to mediums and to spiritists, to play the harlot after them, I will also set My face against that person and will cut him off from among his people.*
* **Psalms 34:15**—*The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and His ears are open to their cry.*

“To” and “From” the One who Sits on the Throne

1. **Worship  
     
   Revelation 4:8-11***—And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who [*[*e*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=rev4&version=NASB1995#fen-NASB1995-30778e)*]is to come.”* ***9****And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever,****10****the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,* ***11****“Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.”*
2. **Holy, Holy, Holy**—the summation of all He is.

**Isaiah 6:3—***And one called out to another and said, “Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory.”*

**1 Samuel 2:2—***There is no one holy like the Lord, Indeed, there is no one besides You, Nor is there any rock like our God.*

**Exodus 15:11—***Who is like You among the gods, O Lord? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, Awesome in praises, working wonders?*

**Habakkuk 1:13—***Your eyes are too pure to approve evil, And You can not look on wickedness with favor. Why do You look with favor On those who deal treacherously? Why are You silent when the wicked swallow up Those more righteous than they?*

**Psalm 47:8—***God reigns over the nations, God sits on His holy throne*

**Psalm 111:9—***He has sent redemption to His people; He has ordained His covenant forever; Holy and awesome is His name.*

**1 Peter 1:16—***because it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”*

1. Who is able to stand?

**1 Samuel 6:20**—*The men of Beth-shemesh said, “Who is able to stand before the Lord, this holy God? And to whom shall He go up from us?”*

**Isaiah 6:5**— *Then I said, “Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.”*

**Revelation 6:16-17**—*and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb;****17****for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”*

1. Power as The Almighty

**Almighty**—a title by which God identified Himself to Abraham (Gen 17:1). That term identifies God as the strongest, most powerful being, utterly devoid of any weakness, whose conquering power and overpowering strength none can oppose.[[1]](#footnote-1)

**Genesis 17:1**—*Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; Walk before Me, and be blameless.”*

**Isaiah 40:28**—*Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable.*

**Job 9:19**—*If it is a matter of power, behold, He is the strong one! And if it is a matter of justice, who can summon Him?*

**Psalm 115:3**—*But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.*

**Isaiah 46:10**—*Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, ‘My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure’*

**Psalm 33:9**—*For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.*

**1 Chronicles 29:11-12**—*Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O Lord, and You exalt Yourself as head over all.****12****Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone.*

**II. Judgment**

1. Examples
   1. Satan and fallen angles
   2. Flood
   3. Sodom and Gomorrah
   4. Pharaoh and the Egyptian army
   5. Mighty kings—i.e. Nebuchadnezzar
   6. The wicked
   7. The Great Tribulation
2. Who is able to stand?

**Nahum 1:6**—*Who can stand before His indignation? Who can endure the burning of His anger? His wrath is poured out like fire And the rocks are broken up by Him.*

**Malachi 3:2**—*But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap.*

**Psalm 90:11**—*Who understands the power of Your anger And Your fury, according to the fear that is due You?*

**Isaiah 13:6**—*Wail, for the day of the Lord is near! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.*

**Joel 1:15**—*Alas for the day! For the day of the Lord is near, And it will come as destruction from the Almighty.*

**Revelation 14:11**—*And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.*

1. **Eternity**
2. The four living creatures

**Psalm 90:2**— Before the mountains were born or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

**Isaiah 57:15**—For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, “I dwell *on* a high and holy place, And *also* with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite.

**1 Timothy 1:17**—Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**2 Corinthians 4:17**—For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,

1. **Prostrate**—lay oneself flat on the ground face downward, especially in reverence or submission.

**Genesis 17:3**—Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying…

**Matthew 17:6**—When the disciples heard *this*, they fell face down to the ground and were terrified.

**Acts 9:4**—and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?”

1. **Cast their crowns**—any rewards received are all gladly and joyfully returned to the One who made any reward possible
2. **Worthy are You**  
     
   **Revelation 10:6**—and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it, that there will be delay no longer,

**Colossians 1:16**—*For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.*

* 1. Focus is on God’s glory in creation (chapter 4)
  2. To redeem (chapter 5)
  3. To judge (chapters 6-20)

1. 24 Elders (4:10)
2. Harps (5:8)
3. All created beings (5:13)

**1 Chronicles 17:20**—*O Lord, there is none like You, nor is there any God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears.*

**Jude 25**—*to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.*

1. The MacArthur New Testament Commentary, Revelation 1-11, p. 156. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)