

## Before the Throne - I

Revelation 4:1-11

**Introduction:** Daniel 7:9-28; Ezekiel 1

Two Scenes - Revelation 4:1-16:21 - Father in his glory (4:1-11) and the slain Lamb (5:1-14).

**What I Learn:** The phrases "in the Spirit" and "come up here".

Main Characters - The Father, Twenty Four Elders, Four living Creatures

**What I Learn:** The main character in the Bible and in heaven is God the Father; perhaps he should be the main character in our lives, in our Church and in our activities.

Main Action - Worship of the Father by the Elders and living Creatures

**What I Learn:** First, without the holy God we are facing a very dark eternity. Second, the only worthy one in the universe is the creator God, the one who has sent his Spirit.

These worshippers are undistracted, undeterred and understand exactly what they are doing; they willingly submit and intentionally bow before the creator in unison with others.

Worship should engage my heart and what I love; my mind and what I believe; my being and what I practice and my life and what I model.

Main Feature - God's Throne

**What I Learn:** Three thrones in the universe: earthly thrones; Satan's throne, (Revelation 13:1-2); God's throne.

God on his throne means that he is central command, nothing happens that he is not fully aware of and superintends. My response to the one on this throne matters now and for all of eternity; my response to God is the most important response of my life.

**Conclusions:** How important is my view of God? The scene here presents us with a balanced view of God and that is always the Scriptural view. One of the words that must be considered in our view of God is his majesty.

Why should worship matter? Worship should matter in at least two ways; First, it should be a priority in the way we choose to live our lives. Second, if worship is a regular choice then how we come to worship matters a great deal.

These two chapters are what we look forward to as the Church, but while we are here we consider the future of those who are outside of Christ and ask God to give us strength to carry the good news to any and all before it is too late.

John 1:18 states that no one has seen God at any time; God is holy which means we cannot look on God and live; nevertheless, God is merciful and kind and has come down to us in the person of Jesus Christ who we see in the next scene. This is the order of salvation.