

***STUDYING THE BOOK OF REVELATION***  
***IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS***

**Lesson 11 - The Throne in Heaven - Revelation 4:1-11**

**Read the following verses in the New International Version or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.**

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REV 4:1 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." [2] At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. [3] And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian. A rainbow, resembling an emerald, encircled the throne. [4] 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. [5] 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. [6] Also before the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. [7] 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. [8] 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."

REV 4:9 Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, [10] 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:

REV 4:11 "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."

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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137. After receiving messages for the seven churches, what did John see? (4:1)
138. What kind of voice did John hear? (4:1)
139. What did the voice John heard say to him? (4:1)
140. What incredible sights did John see? (4:2-11)
141. How did John describe the one sitting on a throne? (4:3)
142. How did John describe what he saw? (4:3)
143. What encircled or surrounded the throne? (4:3-4)
144. How were the twenty-four elders dressed? (4:4)
145. What came from the throne? (4:5)
146. What did John see in front of the throne? (4:5-6)
147. What kind of creatures were "in the center, around the throne"? (4:6-7)
148. How were the four living creatures around the throne similar? (4:8)
149. What attribute of God did the four living creatures praise again and again? (4:8)
150. How did the twenty-four elders worship the Lord God? (4:9-10)
151. Why did the elders say God was worthy of their worship? (4:11)
152. What does it mean to worship God?