

THIS WEEK'S STUDY: 3/7-8/2022 *Revelation Chapter 4*

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OPENING PRAYER

Revelation Chapter 4 – The Throne Room of Heaven - (vs. 1-11).

- **In (Rev. 1:19)**, the Book was divided into three divisions. John was told, “Write **the things which you have seen,**” his vision of Jesus Christ walking in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, holding the seven stars in His right hand. The glorious description of Jesus in His glory and power.
- **The second division was to be the things which are.** That is, this present period of history of you might say, church history. Because as we get into chapters two and three, we get an interesting history of the church as Jesus addresses the seven periods of church history, going from the early church of the book of Acts to the modern day Laodicean apostate church.
- **The third division was to be the things, which will take place after these things.** After what things? After the things of the church. When the church has completed its ministry on the earth, our mission on the earth, then what events are going to take place on the earth after the church is gone. In the original language, the Greek words *meta tauta*, which means these things.

- **It is interesting that this fourth chapter begins with the Greek words, *meta tauta*.** It shows us that we are coming into the third section of the book, the things that will take place after the things of the church. We're entering in now to the future. The church's history is complete. Now we move in to what is going to happen after the church has finished her ministry. *After these things*. You see, it's very logical. After what things? The things that He's previously talked about. What is that? The church and the history of the church. .

The Throne in Heaven (the dwelling place of God)

- **Lord what do you want us to see?** Our hope is anchored in Him, not in the fragile hope of the world! (*Heb 6:17-19a*) *Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, [18] that by two immutable things (God's promise and covenant with Abraham, and now in the gift of His Son), in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. [19] This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast.*
- **We've been told, (Luk 21:28) Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."** **Learn to be content** in this temporary place – (*1Ti 6:7-8*) *For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. [8] And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.*
- **Our living hope and the things it stands for, have always been there! Here we are shown things which the LORD wants to show us!** The blessings of Revelation. are available to everyone of us. We're to see them, visually. We get a sensory overload, an overwhelming, as we come into this majestic scene in heaven! He wants this to be a blessing to those who hear, who keep His word.
- **Will we leave blessed, because we're reminded of our true unshakeable future?** Of what cannot be shaken! Of what Christ has done for us! That there is a "throne" over all of this, that is immovable! We can leave with that blessing, even though the worldly things around us are very bleak! But I have Christ. I can see His face! There is **the Rapture**, which sounds so good! Think of **the hope** that we have! Here heaven is opened! Somewhat different than that in Ezekiel, Daniel, Isaiah and in other prophecies. **Heaven is opened for us see!**
- **In chapters 2 & 3 , we get a picture of these churches; of overcomers** through the church age; of the church age, all the way up to this picture, **when heaven is opened.** It is not doctrine for the Rapture, but it certainly is a picture – **the sound of a trumpet; come up here!** The church is mentioned 19 times in first three chapters. It is not mentioned again until *chapter 22:16*. From the opening of the seals until the marriage of the Bride, the chapters in between, focus on the nation and people of Israel.
- **Understanding the chronological sequence** opens the book. Things **you have seen**, the vision of Christ; **The things that are**, the church age, where we are; **Then the things that are going to be after this;** Chap 4, the throne room of God; chapter 5, the throne room of the Redeemer.
- **This is the key turning point in the Revelation, shifting our focus into the future.** John is summoned into the throne room of heaven and views everything from this point on from a heavenly perspective. It is the key to interpreting the Revelation, providing us with a heavenly perspective on human events. It reassures us that God is in control of it all! He is still on the throne! His sovereign will shall be done! His eternal purposes will be accomplished! His ultimate triumph is certain! It is through that lens, that we see the rest of the book. Chapter 6-22. It's that, which gives us a vision of the rest of the book!
- **You have to behold, to have a vision, something before your eyes, to this vantage point!** There were lights, sounds, so many things. As he goes through, this is what he saw. Something that a child can embrace, something that is supposed **to produce a blessing in our lives, not in our IQ.** Something that God gives to us to see, something of our future. "Eye has not seen," but sitting here, right now, looking at the scene of heaven these things, can be real to us! Paul said, (*2Co 12:2-4*) *I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. [3] And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—[4] how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.*
- **The third heaven! That's the picture here! The presence of God!** These are things which man doesn't have the precision to describe. When we get there we will know fully, even as we have been fully known. **But there is an unveiling here that God wants to bless us with,** especially this last generation, as the world is falling apart!

Rev 4:1 After these things (meta tauta)I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this (meta tauta)."

- **After these things...after this!** The repetition of *after these things*, both at the first and the last of this verse, indicate and it's as though the Lord is drawing your attention to it, repeating it twice. We are moving on now beyond the history of the church. We're going to take a look at what's going to happen after the church has finished her witness upon the earth. John looks and he sees "a door that is open in heaven. There is a voice like a trumpet saying unto him; "Come up here!"
- **I believe that this is the rapture of the church.** It takes place when the church's witness and ministry is complete. The door will be opened in heaven. **(1Th 4:16-18) For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. [18] Therefore comfort one another with these words.**
- **Paul writing about this said, (1Co 15:51-52) Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— [52] in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.** In First Thessalonians, he defines it as the *trumpet of God*. Here John hears **the voice like a trumpet speaking**. It's saying, *Come up here. And I will show you things, which must take place after this (these things).*
- **Some people foolishly say that the word rapture isn't in the Bible.** Many of our English words come from or are just adaptations of Latin words or of Greek words. In the King James Bible, which is a translation of the Greek, they have chosen to translate the Greek word *harpazo*, which means to be caught away. They have translated that as *caught away*. Or we shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. That word, caught up, is the Greek word *harpazo*.
- **There is a Latin version of the Bible, called the Latin Vulgate.** It was translated long before any English translation. As the Greek word *harpazo* was translated into Latin, they used the Latin word *raptus*, which means the same as *harpazo*. It is the Latin word for *caught up*. So, in the English Bible, we've translated it *caught up*, but the Latin Vulgate Bible, it would be **raptus**, from which we get our word **rapture**. Had we been translating from the Latin Vulgate into English, we probably would have used the word *rapture* to translate the Latin word *raptus*. It's rather sad because they try to make a big issue because the word *rapture*, the word itself, isn't in the Bible but the experience is surely taught in the Bible!
- **They say again, the word millennium isn't in the Bible.** We're going to be talking about the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ. These skeptics say millennium is not in the Bible and so there's no millennial reign. Millennium again is from the Latin *milli annum* and milli is a thousand and annum is years. So, it just comes from the Latin a thousand years, which is translated in your Bible, **(Rev 20:6) Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. Milli annum.** Thus, people who make those kinds of arguments are arguing from a position of ignorance of languages.
- **When John heard the voice, it was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.** John was caught up by the Spirit as the church will be caught up by the Spirit to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. And he said, I will show you things which will be hereafter or after these things.
- **We are going now into the future.** The church is taken out of the world. We enter now into the future. The purpose of John's translation into heaven was to provide him with a divine perspective on what was presently occurring behind the scenes of the human dilemma and what would occur on earth in the future.

Rev 4:2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.

- **A throne set in heaven**, literally, "was being set in heaven." Possibly Christ's judgment seat is being translated from the far-off third heaven to the atmospheric heaven, where we believers, shall all be "caught

up....to meet the Lord in the air. There, believers shall be judged, not for salvation, but for rewards or loss of rewards.

Rev 4:3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.

- **The first thing that captures the attention of John, as a representative of the church, when he gets to heaven, which means the first thing that will also capture our attention when we enter heaven will be the throne of God!** A lot of people say, well, I'm anxious to see my loved ones and all. The first thing that's going to draw your attention and capture attention is the awesome throne of God! John sees this throne of God that is set there in heaven, and ***One sat on the throne.***
- ***And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance!*** The jasper was like a blue, white diamond. It had the brilliance of a sparkling diamond. The sardius stone came from Sardis. It was an interesting blood red type of gem. He sees the throne or as he's looking at God. Notice, no form is mentioned, but just this brilliance! (***1Jn 1:5***) *This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.*
- **The Bible says that God dwells in a light that is unapproachable to man.** The Bible says that God is light. So, to look upon, He was like the jasper and the sardine stone! This *rainbow around the throne of God, in appearance like an emerald*, having a greenish hue. The beautiful rainbow is mentioned only four times in the Bible. Each time it is associated with God in a time of judgment on the earth, but also associated with His mercy and grace during such times of judgment.

Rev 4:4 Around the throne were twenty-four (lesser) thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.

- **Who are the 24 elders? There are many who believe that these twenty-four elders are representatives of the church.** These elders representing the church. There are difficulties with that inasmuch as John is instructed by the elders many times concerning events that he is not really aware of what's going on and it is explained to him by an elder.
- **There are others who believe that these twenty-four elders are actually an order of angelic beings.** Now there are many orders of angelic beings. The Bible speaks of the various orders. In just a moment, we're going to be looking at an angelic being that is known as a cherubim. But just exactly who the twenty-four elders are, is not clear but we do see them seated on these thrones with crowns of gold on their heads. We do not find any place in the Bible where angels are described as elders. (***Rev 7:11***) *All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God.*
- **Some believe that since the term "elders" always implies relative chronological age,** as well as official position, it seems possible that the twenty-four elders are the true elders of the human race, whose names are given in Genesis, beginning with Adam, and ending with Pharez. We wait for further information or until we get to heaven!

Rev 4:5 And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

- ***These lamps*** (probably torches), ***the seven Spirits of God.*** As we dealt with the seven Spirits in the previous chapters, we pointed out in Isaiah chapter eleven the prophecy concerning Jesus Christ and the sevenfold work of the Holy Spirit within His life. (***Isa 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 of the fear of the LORD.*

Rev 4:6 Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.

Rev 4:7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying (presently flying) eagle.

- ***Before the throne there was a sea of glass.*** There is no sea in heaven, but the crystal pavement that serves as the floor of God's throne stretches out like a great, glistening sea. It may be compared to the laver of purification in the temple, in which the priests were to wash when they went to minister before the Lord. This was called a sea. So, in the gospel church the sea or laver for purification is the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, who cleanses from all sin. In this, all those must be washed that are admitted into the gracious presence of God on earth or His glorious presence in heaven. ***Like crystal.***

Yes, it was like the very heavens in its clarity!

- **The four living creatures full of eyes in front and back.** Many see in this the four faces of Jesus that are presented in the gospels. In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus is presented as **the Lion of the tribe of Judah**. The gospel of Mark portrays Jesus as the **servant**, the ox. The gospel of Luke presents Jesus as **the Son of man, the humanity** of Jesus, the face of a man; and the fourth gospel, John's gospel, presents Jesus as **the eagle, the ruler**, the divinity of Christ or the divine aspect of the nature of Jesus. John opens, (*Joh 1:1*) *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* John emphasizes the deity of Jesus, the face of an eagle.
- **These living creatures are described in greater detail in Ezekiel 1 and 10**, where we are told they are cherubim. *Cherubim*, probably of the highest angelic order in heaven, are first seen in the Garden of Eden. After driving Adam and Eve out of the Garden after they had sinned, God employed *cherubim* with a flaming sword to keep Adam and Even from eating of the tree of life and living forever, in their fallen condition (*Gen 3:24*) *So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.* The first mention we have of cherubim.
- **There is Michael who is called the archangel, but then there are the cherubim** and of course, in Ezekiel, we are told that prior to his fall that Satan was one of the cherubim. He is described (*Eze 28:12-15*) *"Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. [13] You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created. [14] "You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. [15] You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.*
- **Satan was once one of these cherub class.** He was called the anointed cherub who covers. Thus, he was of this high category of angelic beings until he exercised his will against the authority and the will of God. We are told as Isaiah describes, (*Isa 14:12-14*) *"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! [13] For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north. [14] I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'* So, the fall of Satan, one of the cherubs.
- **In the Book of Exodus, cherubim are seen again on the mercy seat—a fitting place for them to be.** (*Exo 25:18-19*) *And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work you shall make them at the two ends of the mercy seat. [19] Make one cherub at one end, and the other cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim at the two ends of it of one piece with the mercy seat. And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work you shall make them at the two ends of the mercy seat.*

Rev 4:8 *The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"*

- **Now these cherubim are engaged in the worship of God!** There about the throne of God, they cease not day or night saying, "**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!**" In reality, that which was, which is, and which is to come, is an interesting description of the eternal attribute of God. He lives outside of time. So, God has always been, He is, He is to come. But He is that all at once. With God being eternal, there is no time. He is outside of the time domain. Outside of the time dimension. Now we cannot even think in this realm. Our brains are not geared to conceive or to understand the eternal now. But God is outside of time. You remember when Moses said to God, Who shall I say has sent me? (*Exo 3:14*) *And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'*
- **Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!** **Isaiah, with a vision of heaven, said, regarding the seraphim,** (*Isa 6:1-3, 5-7*) *In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. [2] Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. [3] And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;*

*The whole earth is full of His glory!" [5] So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts. [6] Then one of the **seraphim** flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. [7] And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged. Isaiah describes the seraphim.*

- **Are the seraphim and the cherubim the same?** Because the description of the seraphim and the cherubim are so similar, many Bible scholars believe that seraphim and cherubim are actually two names for the very degree of angels that are the angels of the highest order. We'll have to wait until we get to heaven! There are many exciting surprises that are waiting for us there. We will see angels, likely, millions of them, of different rankings and orders. The cherubim just happen to be of the highest order. They are there at the throne of God declaring the holiness of God.

Rev 4:9 *Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever,*

Rev 4:10 *the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:*

- **Notice when we will be bowing down and worshipping!** The twenty-four elders, although have gold crowns on their heads, having lesser thrones, in response to the worship of the cherubim, they fall on their faces, taking their crowns, casting them on this glassy sea, before the throne of God. That hymn, *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, early in the morning our songs shall rise to Thee.* The one verse that speaks about *casting down our golden crowns before the glassy sea. Cherubim and seraphim bowing down before Thee, God in three persons, blessed trinity,* of course is taken from this picture in the book of Revelation. As they respond to the worship of the cherubim.

Rev 4:11 *"You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."*

- **You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things! He is the God of Creation! (Gen 1:1)** *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.* Over and over the Bible declares that God is the originator. The self-existent God is the One who created the heavens and the earth. In the Hebrew the word is *bara*, which is an interesting Hebrew word because it usually means to bring something out of nothing. The physicist start with a tightly clustered, small little fistful of atoms that exploded and the vast universe came with a big bang. That doesn't really go back to the beginning. Where did this tight little cluster of atoms come from? Tightly compacted, where did it come from? That isn't the beginning. They start with something.
- **"In the beginning God."** He was always there. But He created, *bara*, out of nothing. He brought into existence the universe. There is another Hebrew word employed there in the first chapter of Genesis and that is the Hebrew word, *asah*, which means to assemble from existing materials. Man can do that. We can create a pulpit. We can create a building. But we have to start with existing materials. God created the existing materials in the beginning. God created the universe, the heavens and the earth.

For You created all things,

- **In (Joh 1:1-3) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] He was in the beginning with God. [3] All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.** He declares that Jesus, of course, being God, was the Creator of all things.
- **Paul writing to the Colossians said concerning Jesus, (Col 1:15-18) He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. [16] For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. [17] And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. [18] And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.**
- **Paul basically made the same statement** that is being made here in heaven concerning God, **For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."** Paul tells us that Jesus was the One who created all things and that they were created by Him and for Him. We were created for God's good pleasure, for His glory! **(Isa 43:7) Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him."** That's basic! That is foundational!

You can't escape it. You can fight it. You can't escape it! You were created for God's pleasure. That's why you exist, in order to bring God pleasure! By coming into a meaningful, loving relationship with God. God created us for the pleasure of fellowship.

- **When John was writing his epistle, he said, (1Jn 1:1-4) *That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— [2] the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— [3] that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. [4] And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.*** To have fulfillment, fullness of joy, you have to have fellowship with God.
- **Are you pursuing the fullness of the joy of God?** Or, are pursuing the happiness of the world? Today, the world today has substituted happiness, instead of joy. The world can offer you happiness, but it can't offer you joy! Happiness is a thing of the emotions. It's an emotional experience. Joy is a spiritual experience. Being a spiritual experience, it comes through the spiritual fellowship and relationship with God. The fullness of joy. Happiness, yes, the world can give you happiness. But, oh, what a variable it is. Happy tonight--sorry tomorrow. And it's such a fluctuating thing from happiness to joy.
- **The world can offer happiness, but you can't cash in on it.** It doesn't last. That is why they call it the pursuit of happiness because it's something you're constantly pursuing. It doesn't last. It's the pursuit of happiness.
- **But joy is a lasting experience because it's in the realm of the Spirit.** It doesn't vary. You can have joy in the midst of the most difficult circumstances. Things can be looking horrible and yet your life overflowing with joy. Why? Because joy is based upon relationship. The relationship with God, fellowship with God. *“(1Jn 1:3) that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.* When you have fellowship with God, these things we write unto you that your joy may be full. You have that fullness of joy that's related to your fellowship with God. That's not a variable. That's a constant. Thus, the constant joy that I have as I live in fellowship with God.

And by Your will they exist and were created."

- **The purpose of my existence! *By Your will they exist and were created."* And that is the purpose of my existence!** God wants fellowship! That's why He created man in order that there might be fellowship. Meaningful fellowship based upon love. Thus, a loving fellowship with God. If you have come to a loving fellowship with God, then your life is fulfilled! You are bringing God pleasure. This is why you exist! You were created in order to bring God pleasure. You'll only find fulfillment when your life is bringing pleasure to God.
- **The world cannot offer fulfillment. It can only give you false hopes.** It gives you false promises. Madison Avenue, the advertising world, is very aware of that emptiness in man and that quest that every man has, for meaning and fulfillment. They take advantage of you. Happiness is having a good breath and the right toothpaste. Happiness is using the right deodorant. They hold out these little carrots saying, This is what you need to be happy. This is what you need to be fulfilled. But it's empty! It's a sham. If you pursue those things, you will find that the excitement is just in the pursuit. When you arrive, it's empty. It's an empty promise that the world makes. **But when you live in fellowship with God** and have a loving relationship with God, your life becomes so rich, so full, so meaningful!
- **That is the purpose of our existence! To live in fellowship with God and to please Him.** The reason you were created **was to please God.** If you are living a life **that is pleasing to God, then your life is fulfilled,** because you are now fulfilling the basic purpose of your existence! It is just that simple! If you not living to please Your Creator, **you will never have a fulfilling life!** You wonder why people don't catch on. Here is the answer to the philosopher's question, **Why am I here? I am here to please God!** What am I and you, living for?
- **As we move into the next chapter, and subsequent chapters, we'll find out where we're going.** Moving into chapter five, we have an exciting scene in heaven. After the initial worship of God, joining in this glorious worship, watching and observing the cherubim, watching and observing the twenty-four elders, in the next chapter we begin to participate in the worship also. It is quite fascinating as we study the basis for our praise and worship unto God. Read ahead!

SUMMARY POINTS:

- We are **thankful to You, LORD. for showing us more of You and of this majestic scene of heaven!** More of Your Throne Room!
- We thank You for letting us **get a glimpse to see, through the lens of a heavenly perspective, the things, which are to come** on earth.
- How grateful are we for what You have done for Your church, **that we will be in heaven and not going through the Great Tribulation on earth**, when You rid it of the sin and defilement of a Christ-rejecting world!
- We thank You **for showing us true worship in heaven** by the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders!
- We thank You that ***You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.***
- May we more fully comprehend **that we have been created to bring You pleasure.** That **anything other than that is not fulfilling the purpose** of our being created by You!
- Indeed, we sing out, You are ***Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"***

CLOSING SONG:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY- *London Orchestra Festival (3:06)*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity. AMEN!*

CLOSING PRAYER:

For next week, read Chapter 5!