

The Throne

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Revelation Chapter Four

Verse:

- 1. After this I looked, and, behold a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show you things which must be hereafter.*
- 2. And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.*
- 3. And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone; and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.*
- 4. And round about the throne were four and twenty seats; and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.*
- 5. And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.*
- 6. And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.*
- 7. And the first beast was like a lion, and second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.*
- 8. And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within; and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is and is to come.*
- 9. And when those beasts give glory and honor and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who lives forever and ever.*
- 10. The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,*
- 11. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for though hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.*

We know that the third chapter ended with the description of the churches. After

this description that John had revealed to him of the churches, he immediately comes in to something in the last few verses of the chapter *"To him that overcomes will I grant to sit on my throne. Even as I also overcame and am set down with my Father and His throne, He that has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches."* So He's telling you to pay attention. Something is going to come up here that is really important that we need to hear with our Spirit not with our carnal understanding.

Vs 1 *"After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: "* Now we can look in our mind and see this great big door creaking on it's hinges opening up in the sky. Do you think that is what he really saw? The best I can recollect is that Jesus said, " I am the door". It was an opening into Christ; it was an entrance into Christ that he saw. Christ is the Spirit of God. So He was an opening and an entrance into the Spirit of Christ Himself. After these churches were identified and given some identity then He ministered an opening into Christ. That is what this door is. *"And the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet"*. Every time you see a trumpet in scripture what does it represent? The voice of the Lord. So immediately as the door is opened as Christ is opened and an entrance is made for humanity to come in, guess what? You hear the word of the Lord, there in that trumpet. But what would you say this is? What was the preparation that made the door open? Have you ever thought of that? What made the door open in the Spirit? It was the cross, the crucifixion. What He did on the cross opened the door. It opened the Spirit realm to us when He died on that cross. Because He went to prepare (you) this place for Him to come and inhabit. So the door was open to where man and Christ could fellowship. So the first voice that he heard was the word of the Lord speaking. Where? In this verse it says, *"The trumpet was talking with me"* the word here is "meta" (it means in the midst of me). So where did he hear this voice? The church always speaks as if it was something external, but this word says "not with", but "meta", in the midst of me. He heard something speaking inside of him. Where do you hear God? In your heart. You see it is not an external voice. God is an internal voice. In us. So when we hear that voice, just like John did, we hear it inside. I've heard the voice of God so clear at times I look around like there is someone in the room with me, but it is still internal. It is not external. God dwells inside of us. Now. So he hears this voice speaking inside of him (in the midst of him), and He says, *"come up here"*. That's hillbilly. "Come up here, yawl." He's saying, come on up. He is never telling us to come down. He's calling us to ascend into the higher realms. He is never telling us to come down. He is telling us to ascend to the higher realms. Come on up. *"And I will show you things which must be hereafter."* He says these are things that are going to be. They must be.

Vs 2 *"And immediately I was in the Spirit:"* In Revelation 1:10 when John began

to write this, what did he say? *"On the Lord's day I was in the Spirit"*. What day is today? THE LORD'S DAY. I'm not talking about Sunday. I'm talking about every day is the Lord's Day. So how should we be? We need to be in the Spirit so we can hear what the Spirit is saying. I can't be way out there in the world and hear what God is saying if I am listening to all that worldly stuff. I need to hear that still small voice that is within me. The one that opens that door and lets me walk in to the full Spirit of God. Each one of us needs to hear that voice ourselves, inside.

Vs 2 *"And immediately I was in the spirit: and behold a throne was set in the heaven, and one sat on the throne"* What is heaven? You. As soon as Jesus was crucified and resurrected, guess what happens in us? We become the tabernacle of the living God. The king has to have a throne to set on so what is it? You, me. He has to sit in us. So this throne was set there. So guess what you are? Heaven. Where does God dwell? Our Father which art in heaven. If He dwells in you and He dwells in heaven, then what are you? Heaven There is a throne in you. It is your mind, your heart, your Spirit.

Vs 3 *"And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald"*. What is a jasper stone? A multi colored stone. What is a sardine stone? It is a red stone. But you know I'm not looking at the color of these stones with importance. Do you know where this jasper stone and this sardine stone are on the ephod of the High Priest? One is in the first row and the other is in the last row. What would this tell you? Jesus is the first and He is the last. He is the alpha and the omega. The beginning and the end. So I wonder how we can identify this one who is the first and the last? I wonder who that might be? The Christ. In this verse it says, *"there was a rainbow around His head"*. Anytime you see rainbow in scripture it represents covenant. God set a bow in the sky as a covenant, the rainbow, when He spoke to Noah. He said He would never flood the earth again. Anytime you see the word rainbow, or you can even see the word bow, as it says in chapter six that He has a bow in His hand, the one riding on the white horse. What does He have? He has the covenant in His hand. Symbolism. It's a promise, a covenant. *"Round about the throne, in sight (or the way this thing looked) like unto an emerald"* What color is an emerald? Green. What does green represent? Life. Well maybe this is the one that is life? Would you agree with that? That Jesus Christ is the life. So He looked like life. Didn't He say that He was the light of the world and the life of the world? So He is green, speaking of His life. The passage Jesus spoke of, *"if they will do this to a green tree what will they do to the dry tree?"* He was speaking of Himself being the green tree. The one with life.

Vs 4 *"And round about the throne were four and twenty seats (twenty-four seats)"*. What does twenty-four mean? Twelve is the government. So two times

twelve is a witness of the government of God. This is the Christ sitting on this throne. It says, "*there were twenty-four seats round about the throne.*" I just said that you are the throne. Your heart or your Spirit is the throne that God sits upon. It's symbolism so it goes beyond the intellect. So don't listen to your intellect. Listen to your Spirit. The twenty-four seats represent the Government of God. It is the place for the Godman to rule. So where does He sit? In the midst of you, or in your Spirit. "*and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment;*" Twenty-four is no more than the witness of the government of God. So we have the witness of the government of God. Who might this government of God be? First fruit, overcomers or the leadership of God's Kingdom. It says these twenty-four elders were sitting clothed in white raiment (or the righteousness of God). What are we supposed to put on? The righteousness of God. So who do you think this is sitting on these thrones? Me, us, you!!! God has chosen us a righteous vessel and placed us upon these thrones. We are the government of God if we live what God tells us to do. Some may ask, "Is that all the ones that live according to the government of God at that time?" It is the ones that God has chosen and has placed to live for the government of God. I don't believe that any one can walk the walk of God until He calls them, or until God puts them in His time, but it's the ones He has chosen before the foundation or conception of the world. It's the ones who have heard the knock. They have heard the knock I guarantee you. They have heard the knock. If He calls you, He will open your ears to hear. I promise you. He won't leave you with bad ears. "*And they had on their heads crowns of gold.*" The crowns of gold speaks of the "mind of Christ". It was a Godly thing that they had on their head. I'm not concerned about some golden crown or a big wreath with streamers hanging on it like many people speak of; I'm concerned about the mind of Christ. That is the only thing I'm concerned with is showing forth the mind of Christ (the thought process of God) in my life. That is all that matters. If I do that what else would matter? Nothing else matters. It is just about Him.

Vs 5 "*And out of the throne (and that is you) proceeded lightnings and thunderings*". Every time God spoke they heard lightnings and thunderings, but guess where it came from? Out of the throne. WHERE IS THE THRONE? It's in you. At the same time He's speaking about this being this twenty-four people sitting around (that is only one), but it is a corporate people. It's the government of God. It's the Christ. In this process we see the mind of Christ, and with this mind of Christ everyone has how many minds? ONE. IT'S NO LONGER DUALITY IN OUR MINDS. IT IS JUST THE MIND OF GOD. Out of this throne that He lives in and rules in proceeds lightnings and thunderings. That is God revealing Himself out of us. As we speak the word of God that we believe in our lives, what are we doing? We are revealing the God that is in us. Called what? GRACE.

Grace is the divine influence in the heart and the reflection of that in your life. It sounds like lightening and thunder to those who don't have ears to hear what God is saying. When you just speak a basic truth you sound like thunder and lightening to people, but you see it is coming out of you. This whole book is the revealing of who? JESUS CHRIST IN YOU. Very few people see that this is about us. That God is in us. He is not an external God out THERE somewhere. He is an INTERNAL God that is working in our life everyday. If He wasn't we'd be in some kind of trouble. Some kind of trouble. *"So lightnings and thunderings proceed like "voices".* In this word "voices" the translation (KJV) adds an "s" on there that shouldn't be there. So out of this comes a voice. Why is it just a voice and not voices? It is only the voice of God. It is the one thought process, and when we have those crowns of gold on our head, guess what? We are speaking of God. Not being God, but speaking His words and with His mind it has to be one voice to be in unison doesn't it? God is not going to have a mixture, it is one. That is what the Feast of Tabernacles is about. The Feast of Oneness. *"And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God."* Zech. 4: 2 through 10 speaks about those Spirits if you want to look at that.

So you can go there and compare this to see where it speaks about those seven Spirits.

Vs 6 *"And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind."* This sounds like some weird looking monster doesn't it? Maybe like a bowling ball with a whole bunch of eyes in it or something. I don't know what you can picture in your mind. FORGET THOSE THINGS. That is not what this is about. It is not some monster. It says, *"before the throne there was a sea of glass"*. What does the sea speak of? Multitudes of people. What is on the seashore? Sand. It says it's like a sea of glass. What is glass made of? Sand. We are speaking of covenants here. A covenant is to the multitude. Which covenant is it? Sand. The first two covenants. Multitudes, the sea, the multitudes is the first two covenants. The third covenant is "the few there be that find the way to life". *"The sea of glass was like unto crystal"*. Crystal is clear you can see through it. So no matter what the multitudes feel they are hiding, guess what? Those seven Spirits, the eyes of God, in the verse before, in the overcoming ruler ship and government of God, has the ability to look through that doesn't He. He looks through that humanity and sees that as crystal. That could be pure too couldn't it? He sees them in the purified form. *"And in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts"*. Now He is saying, round about them (the throne) and in the midst of the throne were four beasts. It is not speaking about four separate entities here. It is speaking of four identities. It is not four separate things it is four parts that become one. In Ezekiel 1:10 there was a wheel that had

the four faces. It parallels with this verse. It also parallels with Ezek. 10:21 and it parallels with the four gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Four speaks of completeness. So what are these four-faced beasts? (and beasts as the scripture says, "*man is but a brute beast made to be taken and destroyed*") So it speaks of the four-faced beast being a complete Godman. This is a complete Godman in His entirety. When you see the face of the lion, Jesus is the lion of the tribe of Judah isn't He? He is the calf. He is the servant. He is the beast of burden wasn't He in Mark. In Matthew He is the lion. Mark is the calf. John sees Him as the perfect man, and Luke saw Him as the eagle like God. Four depictions of Christ and four depictions of us. Four different natures of us that comes into completeness.

Vs 8 "*And the four beasts had each of them six wings about them*". That tells you a big story right there. These four beasts each had six wings. Four times six equals twenty-four. It is going right back telling you the same thing. It's the government of God. What's the number six stand for? Man. So these beasts had six wings telling you what? He is speaking about man. He is not talking about something flying around. He gives you this number six in symbolism to show you that He is talking about humanity. He's putting this in humanity. The nature of God is being put into these beasts. If you go to Isa. 6:2 it speaks of the seraphim. What is the seraphim? It is something that had six wings. So what is this telling you again? It is speaking of humanity. This is not some wild beast or some angel flying around. This is humanity that God is dealing with and brings it to perfection. We have to understand that this is all symbolism and if you try to read it in the natural we will never get anywhere with our understanding. So this is humanity He is speaking of here. These four beasts for this complete Godman had six wings. So I am not talking about some guy who is flying around in a big white sheet and no feet and has wings on his back. I am speaking of someone that is living on the face of the earth walking as the Godman is called to be. He has the nature and the character of God in his life, and too many times the church wants to put this as some angel floating around in a white sheet, no feet and wings on their back, and a halo over their head. That is foolishness. He is talking about putting this in you. This is you in this picture. God is revealing Himself in you. We can't keep thinking that God is external. I can't say it enough times. God is not external He is internal and this is you He is working in. What purpose would this be to tell us about some creature flying around with four faces and seven eyes, ten heads and seven horns? What good would that do me? All that does is scare kids to death when they hear it in church. It makes wild Spielberg movies I guess, but it doesn't do any good for my life to not know that this is speaking of Spiritual things does it? It does me no good whatsoever. I've got to know what's in my life. I've got to know what's for me in here and so do you. "*And they were full of eyes within*" They were full of eyes (it's the Spirit) or the seven Spirits in verse five are the eyes. So they were full of what? Full of Spirit of God. Which gives you the vision of God. So they

are full of the vision. In Proverbs it says, *"where there is no vision my people perish"*. So people who do not have the vision of God in them, what are they doing? They are perishing. Sometimes when it is revealed to them they really don't want it. So we can't press the issue. If they don't want it that's okay, it's cool. God is getting what He wants. *"And they rest not (or they cease not) day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy,"* Day or night. Do you think He's speaking about a twenty-four hour period day and night? Whether they have illumination or whether they have no illumination the Spirit of God in God's people never ceases. They just keep sharing His love and His understanding with them. There is no ceasing to it. No time limits. *"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come."* That means He was dead, He's alive and He's alive forever more. The word "come" in the Greek is *erchomai* #2064 in the Strongs and it means, "appearing". When we view the English word "come" we always look out there external, in the future. If Christ dwells within us then why do I have to wait for Him to come? He is here all I have to do is let Him appear in my life. Let ME lay down. *"It's not I that lives, but the Christ that lives within me."* That is what Paul said. So I have to let myself lay down. John the Baptist said, *"I must decrease and He must increase."* It is simply just me getting myself out of the way and letting God do with my life, as He wants to do with it. It's that simple. Get out of the way ourselves. It is not about someone that is going to come if He is already here, so why would I be waiting for Him. Doesn't make sense does it? It makes no sense whatsoever. So I don't have to worry about my neck getting all stretched out trying to look up for Him. All I have to do is look around in you. Just look eye to eye with someone and you will see the Christ.

Vs 9 *"And when those beasts"* and what beasts is that? That is the four beasts. That's the complete Godman. When that complete Godman, *"gives glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne who lived for ever and ever,* (or literally into the age of ages).

Vs 10 *"The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship that live for ever and ever"* (or into the ages). Look at this. These are the same things. These four beasts and these twenty-four elders. There's no difference in them. When those beasts gave glory and honor and thanks to him that sat on the throne, and that's the Christ. It says, *"and then the four and twenty elders fall down"*. Well do you know why? Because as the four beasts were bowing, what was the twenty-four elders doing. The same thing, the same person. If you are the government of God, the Godman or Godwoman, it's the same thing. How many names are there for Christ in the bible? One hundred and twenty three. Just because they call us twenty-four elders or call us four beasts does that change anything? Someone could call me Dave, David or they could call me Mr. Fields. Would that change my name? It is still the same person. God has got many ways

to do it and it is put in here for a very important reason. Why is it so confusing in this book? Why was it put in with all this symbolism? He says in Proverbs 25:2 *"it is the glory of God to conceal the word and the honor of kings is to search out the word."* The disciples ask Jesus, "Why are you talking in parables?" What did He answer them? *"It's for you the children of the Kingdom to know these things, but those that are not in the Kingdom, it is not to know."* You see I can never be in the image of God until I find out what His nature is. If I had a dog, and every dog has a different nature, it could be a same species, but all of them do not have the same nature do they? But there is one God. There are many Gods talked about in the earth, but there is only one God, the Supreme God, but if I don't know who He is, and because of false teachings and wrong words that I have heard in my life, I think these bad things about God. How could I possibly be love and forgiveness to a humanity when all I hear from the church is that God is going to throw me in hell and torment me forever? Because my view in my mind of a person or a God who could torment His humanity in their own ignorance that He created them in and torment them forever and ever in fire and burn them in just pure torment then I see this God as a monster. So that's why I could do anything I want to do. If He could be that bad then so could I, because He's my God. But if I see Him in the love that He really is, in the truth of the scriptures, how will I treat humanity? I'll treat them the same way He treats them. God does not treat us bad. Man reaps what he sows. God is not punishing anyone today. That is a lie. God does not punish. He set a principle in effect. If a stove is hot and you lay your hand on it what will it do to you? Burn you. Now did God punish you because you touched that stove? That is a physical law, if you touch it, it will burn you. There is nothing you can do to stop burning your flesh if you lay it on a red-hot burner. You can't change that law. You will be burnt. It's the same thing, He said, *"if you sow to the flesh you will reap corruption. If you sow to the Spirit you'll reap the life of the ages."* I have got to know what God is speaking. I have got to know His nature and the only way I'm going to know His nature is through His book. I'm going to find out what He is like. If I don't know the scripture how could I change myself, even remotely hope to change myself into the nature of God, if all I hear about is all this hell and torment and nasty vile stuff that the church puts on God? I will keep living like the same lie that everyone else is living in his or her life. They say they are Christians and they act like they are living in hell, they are really. They are living in this place that is vile and wicked. People go to church and they are mean and nasty to their family members, church members and everyone they meet in the world. **WHY?** Because their view of God is not what it should be. If we understand that God is love then how could that be torment and all those other things going on? There is a purpose for some of this that is going on, but God is not doing it to us. We are doing it to ourselves. The law is finished it is not a punishment in life now. We are reaping what we are sowing. If I sow corn I can't reap beans. I put corn seed in the ground. Then what will I get out?

Corn. I've got to reap what I sow. I can't change that. A long time ago I thought this: okay if I'm sowing seeds then I've sowed a bunch of bad ones. I'm going to hope that I am going to sow so many good ones that they will overtake the bad ones. From now on I am going to sow so many good thing ones it will choke out the bad ones in my life. It will just keep you doing the good things that God tells you to do. That is God's will. That I sow so much of His seed that it will overtake and everything else will just pass away. I won't even think of those things any longer, and I really don't. I don't live in any kind of condemnation about anything that goes on in my life, and really it is so peaceful. I know I do things that aren't probably right in many people's eyes, but I don't have any condemnation. God will deal with me if I do something wrong. He is very quick with that, but still He forgives me. I still have to reap what I sow.

In this verse ten it says that, "*the four and twenty elders fall down before the throne and worship him that lives into the age of ages*". The word "worship" is as a dog licking his master's hand. A man in our fellowship has a dog named "Cassie" and he can't come home one time that she's not crawling all over him. It's just impossible. He could kick her as he goes out the gate and when he came back she would be right there waiting for him and she will just start licking him again. Do you see a kind of devotion there? That is what this language says. It's like a dog licking his master's hand. You can't push that dog off of you. If you mistreat the dog, it will still love you. Unconditionally, they love you, even when you do them wrong. That's the kind of worship that God wants from us. We are not worshiping Him because He did something good for me today. We worship Him because He is God. That's just IT. It has nothing to do with circumstances. It is just because He is God. That's it. That's too simple isn't it? **NO**. That is it in a nutshell. It is just because He is God and He deserves everything He gets. He gets it all, and there should be no reason I worship Him except that He's God. Nothing else, of course the love is there, we know that.

"And cast their crowns before the throne, saying," What do you think the "crowns" represents? He says, "*they cast their crowns*". Now it is not speaking about their own nature and will really, but the crowns that they have are these crowns of gold. It is speaking of the mind of Christ, but you see they gave it back. In I Cor. 15 He tells you something. He says, "*there's going to come a time when the Kingdom of Christ will come to an end and He will hand it back over to the Father*". What do you think they are doing? They are part of the Christ aren't they? They are just handing His kingdom back to the Father and it will be all in all. That is the conclusion of it. When it comes to this kind of worship, this unconditional loving worship to the Father, you will give back all ruler ship that He has given you. You see the government that He gave this mind to has a right to rule, doesn't it? But when you come to that place, simply because He is God, not

because of something He does or something you want, but because He is God and you love Him. When you come to a realm of worship with God, unconditionally, it is not about what you get or what you do or anything like that. It is just about, "I want to worship Him". I hope everyone of you come to that. When you come to that place of worship you don't want to do anything else. You don't want to come back to the reality of the world. You want to stay there, but you can't. To know about God is one thing, but to know Him intimately is a whole different thing. It says, *"they cast off what God gave them"* and the best thing that you have got to give is what God gave you. You will turn around and hand it right back to Him. When we come to that realm when we have walked into that desire of uncontrollable worship, just worship, no strings attached. We are willing to give that up and come back to the reality of this world for one reason. The same reason He had, that He loved humanity so much that He would give up that security He had in the Father and come to earth to die for humanity, and don't think that you aren't going to die for humanity if you're going to walk this walk. You are going to die for humanity, because your will will have nothing to do with it. It will be His will I promise you that. Now the last word in this verse is, *"saying"*, and this is what they say:

Vs 11 *"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for (literally the word "for" is because) because you have created all things"* the word "things" is not even there it's added in the translation). So it says, *"You have created all and for your pleasure"* literally the word "pleasure" is for your purpose or for your choice, *"they are and were created"*. Col 1:15 through 21 tells you that very thing, that Jesus created everything for His pleasure, and by His pleasure, everything is for Him. That's what it was created for. So when we realize that this is all about Him and what He is doing in us. What are you going to do? You know we get excited if someone just brings us some flowers or gives us a little gift. Don't we? But yet He has given us everything, everything. He poured out His Spirit without measure upon us, and we take it for granted. We need to see that the Spirit that God has placed within us is so precious, so precious. People just take it for granted. It grieves my heart to see people who say that they are children of God so taking that Spirit for granted.

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