

Today's Theme

“John Goes To Heaven”

Series Title

“The Future - From Jesus”

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Revelation in Three Sections

1. What was Rev 1:9-20
2. What is Rev 2:1 - 3:22
3. What will be Rev 4:1 - 22:21

1. John heads to heaven.

(1) John faces an open door.

Rev 4:1 After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven.

(2) John hears a voice that was loud.

Rev 4:1 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. John finds himself before a throne.

(1) John views a throne & someone on it.

Rev 4:2 At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it.

(2) The someone is spectacular & beautiful.

Rev 4:3 And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne.

(3) Twenty four elders sit around the throne.

Rev 4:4 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.

3. The activity around the throne.

(1) This throne was bright & powerful.

Rev 4:5 From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God.

(2) On clear water 4 creatures with covered eyes.

Rev 4:6 Also in front of 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.

(3) 4 creatures: A lion, an Ox, a face, an eagle.

Rev 4:7 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 its wings. . . .

4. The right response to God always.

(1) 24/7 these creatures worshiped God.

Rev 4:8 . . . Day and night they never stop saying: “‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,’ who was, and is, and is to come.”

(2) Highest & best use of life is honoring God.

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: 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.”

How To Honor God Best

1. Loving God all out.
2. Loving & valuing People.