

Revelation 4:9-11 Handout

Revelation 4:8–11 **ESV**

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WRAPPING UP CHAPTER 4

- This chapter gives us a very unique opportunity to get a look into what Heaven is like.
- People of all ages have obsessed about what Heaven is like.
- But the Bible, the Scriptures give us a far more reliable picture of what Heaven is like, and it's amazing.
- **As God demonstrates His glory, His justice, His mercy, and His divine infinite power... the response of every created being in the arena is worship.**

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

- Worship is echoing back to the _____ God's own glory.
- Revelation shows us how the world should be.

1 Kings 22:19 **ESV**

¹⁹ And Micaiah said, "Therefore hear the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing beside him on his right hand and on his left;

2 Chronicles 18:18 ESV

¹⁸ And Micaiah said, “Therefore hear the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and on his left.

Psalms 47:8 ESV

⁸ God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

Isaiah 6:1 ESV

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

Romans 8:19–22 ESV

¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.

THE WORSHIP SONG OF THE CREATURES

Let's first touch on a verse we ended with last week that shows us the worship song of the four living creatures:

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This is a recognition of God's holiness and infinite _____.

- We identify him by the things He has said and revealed about Himself.

Revelation 4:9 ESV

⁹ And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever,

They recognize God as the sovereign, glorious, majestic, holy, powerful and eternal God.

- **What's the difference between other created beings and humans?**
- After recognizing the point behind worship... the WHY, we still do it.

- And NOT ONLY that, but they apply their _____ to their worship.
- Things got really jacked up from how they were supposed to be, so God is setting things back right.
- He will punish the wicked for their disrespect to God, and He will establish a reign of His glorious presence in the Heavens and the Earth.
 - This started with God's plan established from the beginning of time.
 - Was finished with the work of the Cross.
 - Was victorious in the Resurrection of Christ.
 - And now becomes a reality in this vision of Heaven at the 2nd return of Christ.

This is why approaching anything in life without the willful decisive heart of worshipping God through it is blasphemy.

- We are taking the things God created and abusing them with intent to dishonor His name and glory.

WORSHIP SONG OF THE ELDERS

Revelation 4:10 **ESV**

¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

In verse 4 we see them receive crowns.

Revelation 4:4 **ESV**

⁴ Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads.

Then in verse 10... they do something amazing... they lay them down.

¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. **They cast their crowns before the throne,** saying,

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These crowns that THEY EARNED!

THEY USE THEIR OWN CROWNS TO PRAISE GOD!

The elders bring their own song of praise in verse 11.

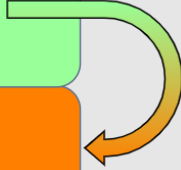
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11 "Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
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They are celebrating that God is the creator and that He is bringing all things back into order.

- Heaven is anticipating God taking back His _____.