

A PEEK INTO HEAVEN
REV. 4:2-11 / 6-27-18 / WED

I. JOHN SAW A “PERSON” SITTING ON A THRONE.

- A. Who did John see? John saw God on His throne-**4:2** (Psalms 47:8 & 103:19).
- B. How would you describe God? John tried to describe God in symbolic terms-**4:3**

II. JOHN SAW “PEOPLE” AROUND THE THRONE.

- A. John saw twenty-four elders sitting on their own thrones-**4:4a**.
 - 1. Who are these 24? They represent Israel (12 tribes) and the Church (12 apostles-21:14).
 - 2. Christians will reign with God-2 Timothy 2:12a & Rev. 2:26-27.
- B. White clothes symbolize righteousness-**4:4b** and 19:8.
- C. Crowns of gold are the victors crowns—**4:4c** and 2 Timothy 4:8.

III. JOHN HEARD “PRAISE” BEFORE THE THRONE.

- A. The lightening and thunder announced approaching judgment-**4:5a**.
- B. The presence of the Holy Spirit is before the throne-**4:5b** & 1:4.
- C. The sea of glass is similar to what Moses saw when he approached God-**4:6a** & Exodus 24:9-10. Its meaning is unclear but possibly refers to a large host of people.
- D. Four living creatures surrounded the throne-**4:6b-8**.
 - 1. Some think they are cherubim described in Ezekiel 1:10.
 - 2. Some think they are seraphim-Isaiah 6:2-4.
 - 3. Some think they represent all of God’s creation (“four corners of the world”).
 - 4. Some think they are Jesus as he is portrayed in the four gospels.
- E. Those around the throne worship the One on the throne.
 - 1. They acknowledge God’s character-**4:9-10**.
 - 2. They acknowledge God’s creation-**4:11**.