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 2:12 & 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.