

THE REVELATION OF JESUS PART III
REVELATION 4
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INTRODUCTION

- Revelation is the word apocalypse which means to uncover or to disclose what is hidden.
- Revelation 1:3 - John warned us about our part: read, hear, heed, be ready, and be blessed.
- The purpose of Revelation - Revealing Jesus!
- The book of Revelation was given because there has been an age long struggle with the enemy.
- God wants people to know He is battling on their behalf and He will win!
- Revelation 4:1-4, “After these things I looked, and behold, a door *standing* open in heaven...²Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and one sitting on the throne...”

I. HELPLESS BUT WORSHIPFUL

- The text starts with, “After these things” so how long after?
- Behold means look, perceive, when the light comes on.
- John was the pastor over the churches in Asia. The ones Jesus sent the seven letters to.
- John poured out his life for them and now he could do nothing to help.
- Sometimes we are trapped by circumstances and situations bigger than us, beyond us, but God never is.
- Vss. 5-11 - Worship is key. The throne is about worship. It centers us on Jesus, His will and His way.
- God is a sure defense in the time of distress.
- Psalm 31:1-4, “In you, O Lord, I have taken refuge...”
- God will battle on my behalf - Psalm 18:29-36

II. A DOOR TO WORSHIP IS OPEN

- Revelation 4:1 - “A door standing open to heaven”
- A door that would show John the battle of the ages; the beast and the Savior, a triumph of the King.
- A door that shows us hope beyond our present circumstances.
- Remember the door isn’t a door out of your situation, but a door into His perspective.
- Come up here is His call to each of us.
- Vs. 2 - “I was in the Spirit.” This is when heaven opens up to each of us.
- The throne of God is a throne of worship.
- A throne set in heaven; a fixed, unmovable throne that represents His unmovable kingdom.
- Psalm 119:89, “Forever your word is settled in heaven.”

III. UNCEASING WORSHIP

- The picture of His throne is unceasing worship.
- We each have our own call to enter into His presence.
- To worship around His throne - Vss. 8,11
- When we commit ourselves to His worship He will draw near to us.
- When we draw close to His throne:
1st - It is personal.
2nd - Bring with you whatever concerns you.
3rd - He will have a word for us.

CLOSE - The message of Revelation

- At His throne is promise that will never change.
- Promise that can be had by those who come to worship Him.