

# Message Notes & Thoughts

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Passage: Revelation 4:1-11

Message Outline ...

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## **Why do we worship this God?**

### **1. We worship because He is in charge. (vs. 1-5)**

- Because He is glorious.  
Ezekiel 1:26-28, Exodus 28:17-20
- He chooses to bless. (vs. 4)  
Elders = redeemed representatives of the church (also indicating possibly a pre-tribulation rapture.)  
The redeemed are blessed with:  
-Thrones, White Garments, Crowns of Victory
- He is powerful. (vs. 5)

### **2. We worship because He is holy. (vs. 6-8)**

- His created beings to show His holiness.
- His created beings to tell of his holiness.

### **3. We worship because He has created all. (vs. 9-11)**

**Conclusion:** The purpose of my existence is to bring honor and glory to God and if I refuse to give my life to that purpose, I will never find fulfillment. This is where all things are headed. To the throne! So, we must stop seeing life as horizontal and start seeing it as vertical!

## Questions for Growth ...

1. Re-read Revelation 4:1-11, without looking at any commentaries or written notes. Also, re-read Revelation 1-3 and what the Spirit said to the seven churches. A voice tells John to "come up here." Who is sitting on the throne and why is that important?
2. Why are there 24 elders? Who do they represent? What do you think is the meaning behind their white garments and golden crowns?
3. Read the vision found in Ezekiel 1 and Isaiah 6. There are creatures described both in those passages and in Revelation 4. How are they similar and how are they different?
4. The 24 elders "cast their crowns before the throne". What is the purpose of a crown (see 2 Timothy 4:8)? What does the action of casting their crowns before the throne symbolize?
5. What is the greatest lesson/takeaway for you from this message and passage?

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