

"Glory and Honor and Thanks to Him Who is Seated on the Throne" (Rev 4:1-11)

Sermon Reflection Questions

When you think about your own life, or the world around you, what makes you feel dizzy and disoriented at the heart level?

When you remember the strict rules that God gave to the Israelites about accessing the Holy of Holies in the temple, why is the invitation that God gave to John in verse 1 so important? How does Matthew 27:50-51 and Romans 5:1-2 help you better understand this?

As you read back over the depiction of the throne room of heaven in Revelation 4, respond to this quote by Dr. Vern Poythress: *"When God's people are beset by temptation or persecution, a revelation of God's character and glory is the best remedy"*

Which earthly "crown" do you have the hardest time casting before the feet of the Lord? How does a better understanding of the gospel of grace help loosen your grip on this crown?

How does the phrase "Behold a throne" in verse 2 give you confidence in this life (regardless of the circumstances)? How does Hebrews 12:1-3* teach you how to respond when life feels like it is spinning out of control?

***Hebrews 12:1-3**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. (ESV)