Worship is in His Hands Revelation 4:1-11, Pew Bible p. 1030 November 24, 2024

I. Beholding the Greatness of God (V. 1-7)

- A. If we were to see God, we would see He is precious.
- B. If we were to see God, we would see He is creative.
- C. If we were to see God, we would see He is <u>complete</u>.
- D. If we were to see God, we would see He is powerful.
- E. If we were to see God, we would see He is timeless.
- F. If we were to see God, we would see He is omniscient.

II. Responding to the Greatness of God (V. 8-11)

- A. We worship God because of who <u>He</u> is.
- B. We worship God because of who we are.
- C. We worship God because we cannot <u>help</u> it.

Group Discussion Questions

- 1. Read Revelation 4:1-11.
- 2. List your top three moments with God in your life. What made them so powerful? What did each of those moments reveal about God to you?
- 3. What does the imagery of thrones, lightning, spirits, and mysterious creatures in verses 1-7 communicate about His power? What does that tell you about the numerous ideas that world religions have about multiple gods who have no control over one another? Why does that matter?
- 4. What was the role of the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders, according to verses 8 and 10? What does this tell us about the nature of heaven?
- 5. What are some different theories from world religions or people you know about what heaven is? How are they the same or different from what you see in Revelation 4?
- 6. What are some ways you can be a better worshiper today? What are some distractions and barriers from you doing this?
- 7. Pray for our church to do well at stirring up our affections for God to worship. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Worship Center lobby.



John 4:21-24 (ESV)

²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting:

• PRAYING for our recent visitors and those attending our Discover class to take steps towards salvation and membership.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
 Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia;
 Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West,
 Glendale, Arizona.
- PRAY for all our students: elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. No
 matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our
 students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- PRAY for family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus:
 Sharon L. (children & grandchildren); Marge D. (son, Matthew); Rezwana D. (parents);
 Margaret J. (Tom & Bob); Gary & Betty B. (grandchildren & siblings); Sophia W. (husband);
 Charity M. (daughter); Kayla P. (nephew, Jordan); Michelle LaM. (son); and Debbie B. (son-in-law)
- PRAY for families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
 Del M. (wife), Bonnie V. (husband), Mel A. (wife), Kasuma A. (grandnephew), Gary C. (wife),
 Darlene R. (Husband)
- PRAY for those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:
 Peggy T. (sickness), Mimi M. (health), Mary (cancer surgery), Janet (inoperable brain cancer), uncle of Ashley V. (justice in court case), daughter and grandson of Arlene J (draw closer to God),
- PRAY for others that you are aware of.