

# *Mt Lebanon Church*

Sunday School Lesson

3.23.2025

Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Below please find my sharable thoughts, so please allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word to share.

Worship Before the Throne

## Revelation 4: 1 – 11

There is an open door in heaven, and God is extending a personal invitation to all of mankind to enter in. God is eagerly waiting for us to call upon his name, and he is willing to help us in our time of need. Through salvation, we are instantaneously transformed through this open door, by the spirit of God, who shows unto us the way to come boldly before his throne. The open door symbolizes that God has made an eternal life within himself accessible to all those who will, by faith, believe upon his Son Christ Jesus as their savior. Therefore, this open door signifies the divine glory of God. In the world we may be denied many things, but there is no worldly power that can close this open door of communication between the believer and our relationship with God. Every day we have the privilege of connecting ourselves with the one who has set before us this open door, through our obedience to the promises and commandments of his word. Temptations, trials, tribulations, and persecutions may come upon us, but we need not ever be discouraged, for that which Christ has opened, only God the Father can close.

**Revelation 3: 8,....**I know thy works, behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it, for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name....

Now, for believers, who are of the embodiment of truth in Christ Jesus, God has opened a door of opportunity before the church, and no man possess the strength to close it, for the world cannot overcome those who are obedient to God's word.

**1 John 4: 4,....**ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because greater is he that is in you, then he that is in the world....

As believers, who have overcome the old sinful nature, by faith believing in the redemption that can only come through Christ Jesus, we are encouraged by the fact that the power of Christ, which lives within us, by the spirit of God, is greater than the power of the world, for we now are made alive in our new life in Christ, as we walk with boldness in this life.

**Revelation 4: 1,....**a door was opened in heaven....the first voice which I heard....said, come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be here after....

John's experience compares closely to the rapture of the church, for from here on the church is never mentioned again in its relation to the world. So naturally the question is what has happened to the church.

**Revelation 3: 10,....**because thou hast kept my word....I will also keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world....

So, where is the church? It is in heaven.

Two times in Revelation we see heaven opened.

**Revelation 4: 1,....**behold a door was opened in heaven....said, come up hither....

**Revelation 19: 11, 14,....**I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse, and he that sat upon him was called faithful and true....and the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses....

The first opening represents the rapture, when the church is taken into heaven, and the second opening represents the second coming of Christ, when the church comes back with him. There are two spectacular events in the life of the body of Christ, the first is hidden from the world, the second is visible to the world.

Now, only Gods word gives unto us a glimpse into heaven, but it is not necessarily to show unto us what heaven looks like, but rather to give unto us an understanding of what heaven is all about, for this brief glimpse into heaven shows unto us the power, position, and the purpose of God.

**Revelation 4: 2 – 11,...**immediately I was in the spirit....behold, a throne....was to look upon like a jasper and sardine stone....there was a rainbow round about the throne, insight like unto an emerald....round....the throne were four and twenty seats....I saw four and twenty elders....clothed in white raiment and....on their heads crowns of gold....out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thundering's and voices, and there were seven lamps of fire....which are the seven spirits of God....before the throne there was a sea of glass....in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts....the first....like a lion....the second....like a calf....the third has a face of a man....the fourth....like a flying eagle....the four beasts had....six wings....they rest not day and night, saying holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty....those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne....the four and twenty elders fall down before him....and worship him....and cast their crowns before the throne saying, thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power....

God who is the sovereign God of the universe is omnipotent, omniscience, and omnipresent, therefore, he is preeminent in power and authority, he is all knowing, and his presence is everywhere. This means that nothing occurs without Gods permission. Now, not all things that occur are direct actions of God, for often time God chooses to allow things to happen that he does not directly cause. Gods' sovereignty means that he is absolute in authority, and he is unrestricted in his supremacy. From his throne comes mercy and grace, but also judgement, wrath, and condemnation, for it symbolizes his promises and his holiness. Gods throne room is accessible to all through Christ Jesus his Son. This means that he is accessible unto all, who by faith believing have accepted the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

**Psalm 89: 14,....**justice and judgement are the habitation of the throne, mercy and truth shall go before thy face....

The throne of God is founded upon righteousness and judgement, for he knows what is right, he sees what is right, he does what is right, and his judgments are according to his righteousness. His truthfulness binds himself to fulfill all his promises and commandments, and his mercy shall be shown unto all those who take refuge in the hope that is set before them through his gospel of faith. To give glory and praise unto God is to acknowledge him as one who there is none like him, for all who trust in Gods mercy and grace will rejoice and worship in him.

**John 4: 24,....**God is a spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth....

Man looks on the outside, but God looks on the heart and he delights in those who approach him humbly, reverently, and in the fear of the Lord, and by this we learn to worship him, in heaven, before the throne, in spirit and in truth.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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