



Sermon Series: Revelation - Jesus Revealed
Sermon Title: The Way Things Really Are
Scripture: Revelation 4:1-11
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Introduction to John's Second Vision (v. 1-2a)

- An open door
- A voice of authority
- A vision in the Spirit

What John saw in Heaven (v. 2-11):

- 1. The indescribable Lord God Almighty **reigning** from heaven's throne in unapproachable light. (v. 2-3)**

Scriptures: Isaiah 6:1-4; Ezekiel 1:26-28; Daniel 7:9-14; 1 Timothy 6:16)

- 2. Heaven's throne room full of wise **witnesses** and fearsome wonders. (v. 4-8a)**

- 24 thrones & seated elders (*1 Kings 22:19; Daniel 7:9*)
- Lightning, rumblings, and thunder (*Exodus 19:16*)
- 7 torches of fire (*Ezekiel 1:13; Zech. 4:2; John 4:23-24*)
- Sea resembling glass (*Exodus 24:10*)
- 4 living creatures (*Ezekiel 1:5-21*)

- 3. The glory and power of the Lord God Almighty provokes **unceasing worship** from the witnesses around the throne. (v. 8b-11)**

Scripture: Psalm 115:1; 1 Chronicles 9:11-16; Exodus 15:11

“Right conceptions of God will notably influence you into right worship. “

(Joshua Moodey, Vain Imaginations in the Worship of God)

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. In what ways does John vividly portray the Lord God Almighty? Why is his description of God significant in understanding His divine nature?
2. How would you personally articulate the indescribable glory of God? What role does God's glory play in our worship of Him?
3. When reading Revelation 4:4-8, what aspects of John's description of the heavenly throne room capture your attention or stand out to you?
4. What do the living creatures and elders, as depicted in Revelation, teach us about the foundation and essential elements of worship? What can we learn and apply from their example?
5. As believers, how can we cultivate and grow in our worship of God?
6. How would this revelation served to comfort and encourage the 7 churches of Rev. 1-3? How is it a comfort for you today?