

Kneeling at the Throne of God in Heaven

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Introduction:

- A. Rev. 4:1-11 - In the throne room of God in Heaven
 - 1. Beauty is Defined
 - 2. God is Exalted
 - 3. Holiness is Honored
 - 4. Praise is Lifted
 - 5. Humankind is Humbled
 - 6. Authority is Respected
 - 7. Worship is Fulfilled
- B. Worshipers should be keenly aware of the throne room of God and what happens when we enter His Presence.
 - 1. Consider the spirit and attitude with which you would enter.
 - 2. With what spirit and attitude should we enter His presence in worship?
 - 3. Isa. 6:1; Dan. 7:9
 - 4. Describe what one would see as they enter the throne room of God
 - 5. What happens when we kneel at the throne of God?

I. BEAUTY IS DEFINED

- A. Beauty surrounds us in various forms: art, people, music, nature, etc.
 - 1. There is a deeper beauty that we appreciate associated with spirituality; a morally pure life, a loving heart, kind deeds, generous works
- B. Transcending all of them is the beauty of God.
 - 1. We have not truly seen or experienced beauty until we've seen God.
 - 2. God's beauty surpasses anything made by humankind, anything done by humankind, even all of God's own creation in this universe
 - 3. Psalm 27:4

II. GOD IS EXALTED

- A. In all things, God is above, elevated and lifted up
 - 1. All other beings are exalted by another; God alone is exalted by no one; He alone has pre-existing preeminence - Heb. 6:13
 - 2. Psalm 57:5, 11; Isa. 25:1

III. HOLINESS IS HONORED

- A. Holiness is not valued in this world; in fact, it is treated as a weakness, liability
 - 1. What the world thinks about holiness is irrelevant; even the opinions of the saved toward holiness have no impact on holiness; God has defined it by His Being - Psalm 14:1
 - 2. 1Peter 1:15-16; Isa. 6:3, 5
 - 3. Rev. 4:8 - "holy, holy, holy" is called the trihagion
 - 4. In the Complutensian Polyglot, the trihagion is repeated three times
 - 5. Holiness is honored in the throne room of God

IV. HUMANKIND IS HUMBLED

- A. Humility - Rom. 12:3
- B. In the throne room of God it is about God and Who He is; humankind has no place there but that of humble awe
 - 1. Psalm 144:3-4
 - 2. Rev. 4:9-10 - The 24 elders fall down before the throne of God. These are 24 of the most select of human beings in all of time in this world; perhaps made up of Enoch, Elijah, Joseph, Job, Daniel, Moses, et al the best of the very best. And yet they get down from their thrones, remove their crowns laying them at the feet of the throne of God, and fall on their faces before Him

V. PRAISE IS LIFTED

- A. Praise is the act of lauding, commending, approving, honoring, glorifying, and admiring another.
 - 1. Psalm 145:21, 148:13; Rev. 4:11; Heb. 13:15

VI. AUTHORITY IS RESPECTED

- A. To respect authority is to do things as the One in authority reckons necessary.
 - 1. Jesus never went beyond God's authority; and He was with God in heaven from before the beginning - John 12:49-50
 - 2. There are no images or potential for rebellion or disrespect before the throne of God. It makes foolish the ersatz doctrine that Satan led a revolution against God in heaven
 - 3. God's worship in His throne room is conducted according to His pleasure as He has authorized. There will be no innovations or ideas of men practiced there.
 - 4. There exists only the will of God and our submission to it - Rev. 4:11
 - a. John 4:24

VII. WORSHIP IS FULFILLED

- A. In the throne room of God, God alone is worshiped. In worship there are the worshiper and the One being worshiped.
 - 1. Rev. 19:10, 22:8-9 admonish us to worship God and no other. That includes angels, arch angels, beings of power, and 24 elders on thrones
 - 2. When we enter the actual throne room of God in heaven, we cannot help but worship before God's throne. It will be the final, fulfilling act of a human being to worship God forever.
 - 3. Psalm 29:2

Conclusion:

- A. Neh. 9:6; Isa. 51:11; 1Peter 2:9; Rev. 5:11-12, 7:11-12, 15:2-3, 19:6-7
- B. Until then - Matt. 18:20 - In what manner are you presenting yourself to the Lord in worship today?