



Revelation 4 The Church in Heaven Speaker: Jeff Thompson

V.2: Everything in Heaven is centered around the _____ of _____.

V.3: God's appearance is _____.

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. - 1 John 1:5

V.4: The 24 elders represent the _____ of believers, consisting of Old Testament saints and the Church.

Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation... - Revelation 5:8-9

Also see Revelation 21:12 & 14; 1 Peter 2:9; 1 Chronicles 24, 25:2-4.

For personal study, compare Revelation 4 & 5 with Ephesians 2.

V.5: There is a _____ on the Throne of God.

For I was envious of the boastful, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked... ..Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I understood their end. - Psalm 73:3,17

A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary. - Jeremiah 17:12

V.6-8: *The 4 Living Creatures are likely also described in Ezekiel 1:5-25 & Isaiah 6:2.*

The Judgment Seat of Christ is where believers will be rewarded. It is referenced in 2 Corinthians 5:10, 1 Corinthians 3:11-15, & Matthew 16:27.

V.10: crown = "stephanos" in Greek (*the wreath or garland which was given as a prize to victors in public games*)

- The Crown of Life for those who have endured temptation, trials, and suffering for Jesus (Cf. James 1:12 & Revelation 2:10).
- The Crown of Righteousness for those who loved His appearing (Cf. 2 Timothy 4:8).
- The Crown of Glory for those who fed the flock (Cf. 1 Peter 5:4).
- The Crown of Rejoicing for those who lead others to Jesus (Cf. 1 Thessalonians 2:19).

...to live is Christ, and to die is gain. - Philippians 1:21

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. - Philippians 3:13-15

...we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God... - Hebrews 4:14

But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God... - Hebrews 10:12

...being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ... - Philippians 1:6