

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for July 12, 2009

“Worship in Heaven”
Revelation 4:1-6
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In Revelation 4:1-11, John provides us with a three-fold description of a future worship service in heaven.

First, John describes his summons to heaven (Revelation 4:1-2).

- What did John see?

John was granted the immeasurable privilege of having a glimpse of heaven.

- What did John hear?

John hears a voice just as he did in the first vision of Revelation 1:10.

- What did John experience?

John is being transported spiritually into the reality of heaven for the purpose of divine revelation.

Second, John describes the scene in heaven (Revelation 4:2-8).

It is in relation to God’s heavenly throne that the Apostle John describes this scene in heaven and in so doing he provides us with 5 different observations.

Observation #1-John describes the One who is on the throne (Revelation 4:2-3).

- God is like a jasper stone.
- God is also like a sardius

Observation #2-John describes what he sees around the throne (Revelation 4:3-4).

- John says that there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance.
- John informs us that there were 24 elders upon 24 thrones surrounding God’s throne.

Observation #3-John describes what was coming out from the throne (Revelation 4:5).

- Coming out from the throne are flashes of lightning and peals of thunder.

Observation #4-John describes what is before the throne (Revelation 4:5-6).

- There are seven lamps of fire before the throne.
- There is a sea of glass before the throne.

My prayer is that we will be driven to worship in spirit and in truth regardless of our circumstances, all the time longing for this future time in heaven.