

Revelation Series

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First Things first – Part II

Intro: we began last week by stating that there were three men who were given an opportunity to be caught up in the spirit into heaven, Daniel was given specific visions and was told to seal them until the end. The Apostle Paul was caught up into heaven and saw things which God would not let him reveal; and John while on the Isle of Patmos was called up in the spirit because he wanted to reveal certain things to him which he was to reveal to the Redeemed of the Lord. Isaiah was in the spirit when he saw specific things in heaven. What he saw was more for his own personal, life changing impact for the ministry God called him to.

We find in our text of Revelation 4:1 – 3, that there are 4 things that right upfront God wanted John to see, and there should be no doubt in our minds they will be the first four things we will see as well. The fact that these four things were first shown to John reveals that they are _____ to God, and I fully suspect will be to us as well.

The door speaks of God's _____ (saving grace – Ephesians 2:8 & 9) as a door is an entrance into a place. Jesus is *the* door as we looked at several verses from the New Testament in which Jesus clearly stated He was the door. The basis and the only basis for anyone is a saving faith in Jesus Christ because of the work He did on the cross of Calvary, the shedding of His blood and laying His life down for the "whosoever will call upon His name" for salvation, Romans 10:13.

The _____ in the second point is not mentioned as 'the Throne' but 'a throne' which would suggest there are other thrones in heaven. This throne in chapter four represents God's sovereignty, letting us know that He is in charge be it here on earth or in heaven, but most certainly in our _____. We can be like Adam and decide we would rather live our own lives our way – and we see how that turned out, and by the way, Adam still had to answer to God! Or we can be like the Lord who set for us an example, John 8:29.

III. God wants us to behold His _____ (set) – Revelation 4:2.

A. First John saw a door opened which represents the person of Jesus Christ as the only way into heaven.

1. No one ever gets _____ heaven on their own merits – Galatians 2:16; John 14:6 & Isaiah 64:6.
2. We either come to a saving faith in Christ or we _____ condemned – (John 17:20; Galatians 3:26 Colossians 1:4, 2:5; Acts 16:31) (John 3:15 – 21)

B. It appears that this is the Bema seat (II Corinthians 5:10) as it is second on the list of things God wanted John to _____ too us its importance.

1. The image of the door represents _____ who alone makes entrance into heaven possible.
2. The throne would naturally follow as the _____ of Believers, not for salvation, but the character of our service as in the parable of the talents – Mark 25:14 – 30.

C. This throne represents God's _____ and His _____ as He alone has this right and just insight to the human heart. (Hebrews 4:12 & 13) God wants us to understand a day of accounting awaits us.

D. We have seen thus far,

1. God's grace in Rev. 4:1 (door)
2. The rapture in Rev. 4:1 "...come up hither" the Rapture (I Thessalonians 4:15 & 16)
3. The time element in Rev. 4:2 – "immediately" (I Corinthians 15:51 & 52).
 - a. "Moment" – one cannot break down the time element in "moment"
 - b. The blinking of an eye has been timed at about 1 and 1000 of a second.
 - c. A moment [at-om-os] must be even faster than a blink. (I Cor. 15:52)
4. The judgment seat – Bema in Rev. 4:2 (For the Redeemed, and the character of their service)

IV. God wants us to behold His _____ – (Rainbow) - Revelation 4:3

A, The rainbow here, addresses the fact and reality of God's faithfulness.

1. The first rainbow was given as a _____ – Genesis 9:12 – 16.
2. The world has known floods, but never a deluge as in Noah's day.

B. When God makes a promise, He always _____ them.

1. If it is a _____ promise then certain criterion must be met for the promise to come to fruition. (Deuteronomy 28:1 & 28:15 (if)).
2. If it is _____, then it will come about just as God said, with us or without us.
(Genesis 2:16 & 17 – there is no if, but a clear statement of fact of what will happen.)

C. May we take seriously our service here because the Bema Seat awaits us all. May we be determined in our hearts to be a faithful steward in the faith and of God's grace. (I Corinthians 4:2)