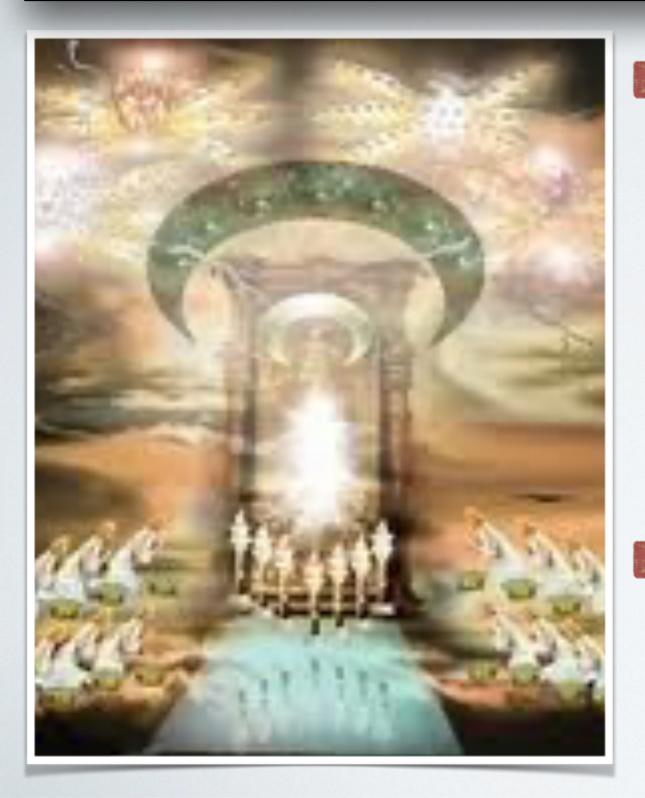
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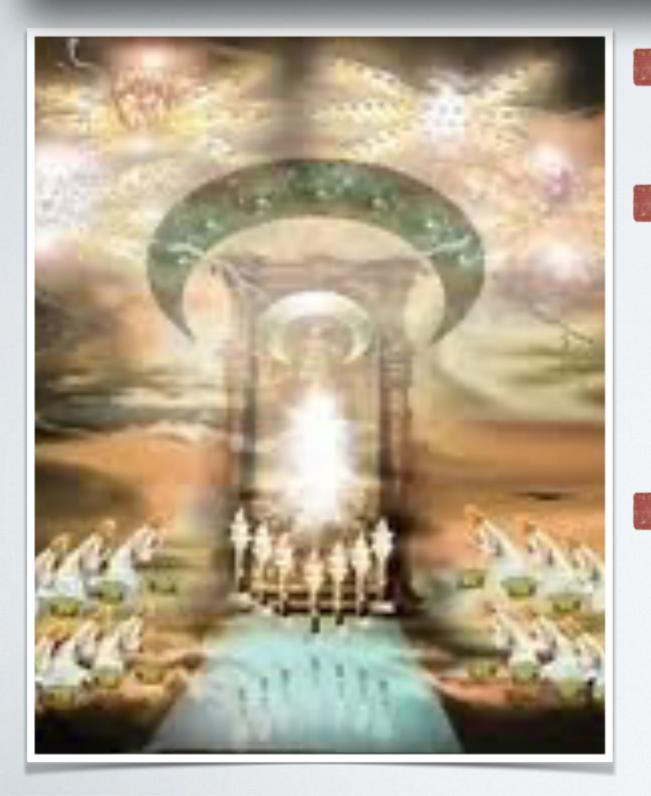
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The **imagery** and **symbols** in Revelation are necessary in comprehending the **BIG PICTURE** - but if we focus too much on the imagery and symbols we can easily MISS the BIG PICTURE.

The BIG PICTURE in these two chapters are clearly **GOD'S GLORY** and how **HE IS WORTHY of WORSHIP**.

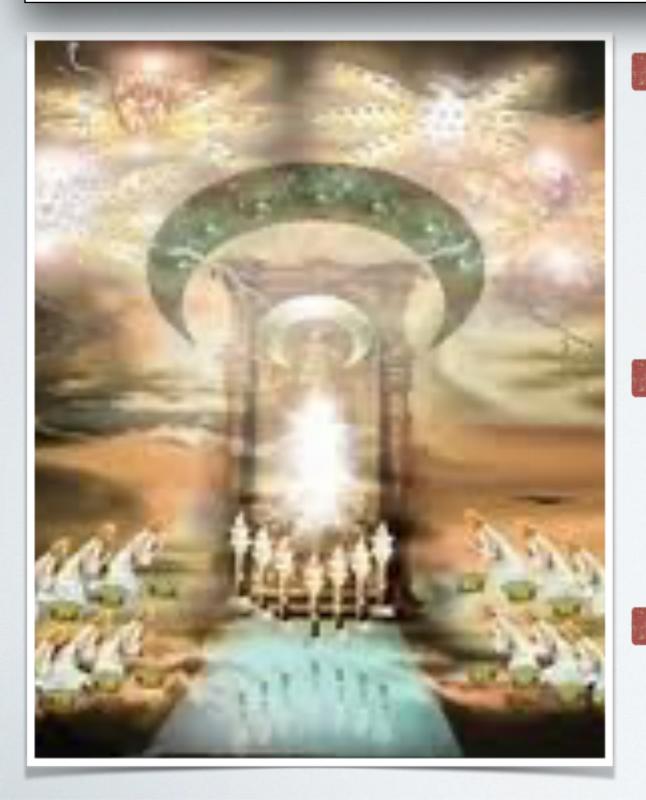
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- In chapter 4 God is sitting on the throne.
- The word "throne" is used 14 times in this chapter to picture God's glory, rule, and sovereignty. He is the Almighty. He is in control.

All John sees proclaims the magnificent splendor and glory of GOD and the adoration duly expressed to the Creator.

#### REVELATION 4 & 5 — A VISION of the HEAVENLY THRONE



In chapter 5, the "Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David" enters the picture. (5:5; cf. Gen 49:9; Heb. 7:14; Rev. 22:16)

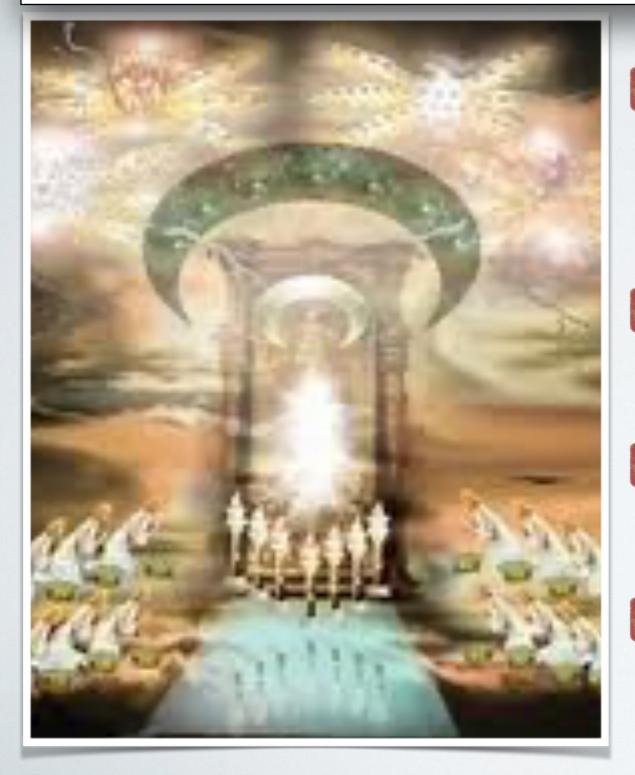
Paradoxically, He is the Redeemer - the sacrificial Lamb who was slain but lives. (5:6,8,12,13)

He's in heaven, having fulfilled God's eternal plan for man's salvation.

# THE FEAR OF THE LORD ... God is WORTHY of our REVERENCE!

Revelation 4 & 5

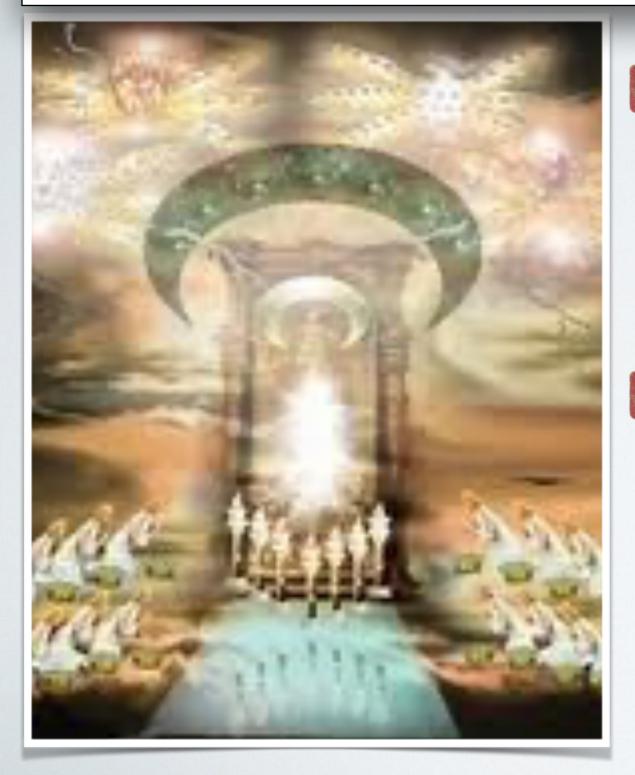
## THE FEAR OFTHE LORD ...



John gets to enter a visual door and see into heaven – 4:1-2

- He sees the awesome throne of God 4:2-3
- He sees 24 elders totally awed by God – 4:4
- Honor and glory belong wholly to God – 4:5-6

### THE FEAR OFTHE LORD ...



Four Living Creatures are fixed on worshipping and serving God - 4:6-8 Glory and honor to God is all important and no one can question His deserving status - 4:9-11

## THE FEAR OFTHE LORD ...

Proverbs 1:7 (NKJV) <sup>7</sup> The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.

The door has been opened that we may know God and have fellowship with Him ETERNALLY — Jn 14:6; Eph. 2:16; 2 Cor. 5:14-21

Other passages warn that those who fail to accept God's terms of "salvation" will be forever shut out of the presence of God — Rev. 20:8; 2 Thes. 1:7-9; Mat. 25:41-46

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I Must Truly Believe:

- God Deserves GLORY
- God Deserves HONOR
- God Deserves THANKS
- God is WORTHY To Receive These Things From ME

My perception of God's greatness, majesty, sovereignty, righteousness and love will determine how I live & serve Him ...

#### **THE AUTHORITY & PROVISION OF CHRIST**

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JESUS has PREVAILED and received all authority — 5:1-7; Mat 28:18; Acts 4:12; Col. 3:17

God's will for mankind has been fully revealed by His Son — Those who believe/ obey are redeemed to God by His blood — 5:7-10; 1 Pet 1:19-21; Mat. 17:5; Luke 6:46; Heb. 5:8,9)

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JESUS has GIVEN Himself as "the Lamb of God" that we may have everlasting life and is worthy of our praise, extreme gratitude, and even our very lives — 5:11-13; Jn. 1:29; 2 Cor. 5:14-21

God has provided FOR us every spiritual blessing in CHRIST — Eph. 1:3-14;

REVEALS GOD'S GLORY GOD IS WORTHY OF OUR WORSHIP & SERVICE

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WORSHIP IS NOT — A place to go. A service to attend. A time to begin; and end. (On-time, of course).

WORSHIP here IS a verb, (Jn 4:23-25). It denotes activity and action. It is not passive, but active.

Worship is something you do, not something that is done to you or for you.

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You can be in a place where worship occurs, but that doesn't mean that you have worshiped.

You can only go away and say "I worshiped" when you say I honored God, not only with my presence but by my obedience, my thoughts, my communion, my prayers, and my praise.

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### Worship MUST be in Spirit & Truth (Jn 4:24)

Our hearts (minds) MUST be engaged — Our actions MUST be genuine, sincere, from the heart — (Rom. 6:16-18; Ps. 51:17; 66:18. ls. 57:15)

Our actions MUST be according to God's word as revealed by Jesus — (Mat. 15-7-9; Lev. 10:1,2; Col. 3:16,17; Acts 20:7)



N. C. worship is Spiritual - not carnal — Rom 14:17

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#### We OWE Jesus ALL We HAVE!!! — 2 Cor 5:14,15; Phili 3:7-11

The Good News - Jesus loves us - ALL OF US. He died to redeem us from sin, and reconcile us to God —



This truth will bring all who acknowledge it down from positions of pride and pomposity and humble us in His presence!



We are indeed saved by LOVE, GRACE & MERCY!

Do WE HONOR the dignity of Deity BY OUR DEEDS, WORDS & THOUGHTS?

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Are WE HUMBLED by the price Jesus paid AND HONOR HIM WITH TRUSTING OBEDIENCE?

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#### HEAVENS DOOR HAS BEEN OPENED FOR YOU - WILL YOU ENTER?

Believe — John 3:16; Repent — Acts 17:30; Confess — Romans 10:9,10; Be baptized — Acts 2:38; Endure by faith — I Corinthians 15:58

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#### Isaiah 6:1–5 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His *robe* filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.<sup>3</sup> And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" <sup>4</sup> And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts."