

# REVELATION

Worship in the Throne Room

(Revelation 4:8-11)

Why did God create us?

*Isaiah 43:7: Everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.*

What is the chief end of  
man?

Man's chief end is to  
glorify God, and to enjoy  
Him forever.

*Revelation 4:8-11: And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come! And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever,*

*the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.*

# 1. God deserves worship as the Creator of the universe.

A. The four living creatures continuously give God worship and praise.

- ❖ Rev 4:8: Day and night without ceasing
- ❖ Among their other ministries, these four living creatures continuously worship God.
- ❖ 2 Thessalonians 3: Paul worked night and day while he ministered to the Thessalonians.

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- ❖ They were seated on their thrones, but whenever the living creatures worship, so do the elders.
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- ❖ Many reject God as Creator and refuse to worship Him (Romans 1).
- ❖ As Christians, we should worship God as Creator.



## 2. God deserves worship because He is holy.

- ❖ Revelation 4:8b: . . . Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!
- ❖ God is worshipped because He is omnipotent and eternal.
- ❖ God is also worshipped because He is holy.

## 2. God deserves worship because He is holy.

A. The seraphim of Isaiah 6 also worship God as holy.

❖ Isaiah 6:2-3: Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!

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B. Recognizing the holiness of God should also point out our own sinfulness.

❖ Isaiah 6:5: And I said: Woe is me! For I am lost; for 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!

❖ When confronted with the holiness of God, Isaiah was overwhelmed with the recognition of his own sin and unworthiness.

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❖ Isaiah 6:6-7: Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.

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- ❖ Isaiah was purified and then sent to serve God.
- ❖ If we are sinful, and God is holy, then how can we come boldly to His throne?

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- ❖ Only Christ can atone for our sins.
- ❖ Hebrews 4:15-16: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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- ❖ It is a humbling thing to be confronted with the holiness of God and the greatness of our salvation.
- ❖ The more we grow spiritually, the more we should be repenting of our sin.
- ❖ If we are ever tempted to spiritual pride, we should remind ourselves of the holiness of God in Isaiah 6.

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- ❖ Craig Keener: Nothing banishes pride of mortal flesh or human competition and agendas better than a taste of God's infinite greatness.
- ❖ Recognizing God's holiness should lead to repentance of sin, but also worship of Him.



### 3. God deserves worship because of His authority.

- ❖ Psalm 103 proclaims the authority of God, but also gives a universal and personal call to worship Him.
- ❖ Psalm 103:1-2: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

### 3. God deserves worship because of His authority.

A. We must not forget God's work in our lives.

- ❖ Throughout Deuteronomy, the Lord repeatedly warned Israel not to forget His works, but they failed to listen.
- ❖ Psalm 103 points to many *reasons* to bless God.

# 3. God deserves worship because of His authority.

B. David gave a universal call to worship.

❖ Psalm 103:19-22a: The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion . . .

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B. David gave a universal call to worship.

1. David began by calling the mighty angels to worship (vs. 20).

- ❖ Michael is called an archangel.
- ❖ It's likely that these mighty angels include the seraphim of Isaiah 6 and the living creatures of Revelation 4.
- ❖ The highest of God's angels worship Him.

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2. David expanded his call to all of the angels (vs. 21).

- ❖ In Luke 2, a multitude of angels glorified God at the birth of Christ.
- ❖ The angels of Psalm 103:20-21 hear and obey God's commands.

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B. David gave a universal call to worship.

3. David expanded his call to everything in God's dominion (vs. 22).

- ❖ How far does God's dominion extend?
- ❖ Romans 1 reminds us that many reject God and refuse to worship Him. But God does *deserve* worship.

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C. David concluded with a personal call to worship God.

- ❖ Psalm 103:22b: . . . Bless the Lord, O my soul.
- ❖ The personal call to worship bookends many reasons to worship God and the universal call to worship God.
- ❖ If all of God's dominion should worship Him, then we as Christians certainly should.

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❖ Psalm 103:1:

We should  
worship God  
with all that  
is within us.





# Conclusion: What do we do with what God has revealed?

- We should personally heed the call to worship God.
- We should seek to lead others to join in this worship.
  - As we praise God before others, we should aim to draw them to Christ.

NEXT TIME:  
REVELATION 5:1-7

- Worthy is  
the Lamb