

## **Study 3: Enter the Throne Room (Revelation 4 and 5)**

*Read Revelation 4 and 5*

(John speaks in picture symbols – don't read literally, the message behind the symbols is what's important)

John is invited to the throne room of God. What he sees and describes gives us the necessary perspective to deal with the breaking of the seals that follows.

**Q.1 What first comes to your mind when you think about heaven – what sort of place it is, what happens there, what will it be like etc?**

*Reread Revelation 4*

**Q.2 What do you learn about God in this passage? For what attributes is He considered praiseworthy?**

**Q.3 Who do you think the elders are? Take into account all that is mentioned about them?**

**Q.4 The Old Testament gives important background to many, if not most, of the imagery seen by John in Revelation. How do the following passages help you to understand:**

- Thunder and lightening (Exodus 19:16-19; Job 37:1-15; Psalm 18:7-19)?
- The living creatures (Ezekiel 1; Isaiah 6)?
- The Lion (Genesis 49:9; Isa 11:1) – see Rev 5:5

*Reread Revelation 5*

**Q.4 This scroll seems to be a rather important piece of papyrus. What is it that qualifies the Lamb to open it? Does this help you understand what it might contain?**

**Q.5 Note down everything you learn about Jesus in Revelation 5 (particularly how He overcame, why He overcame, and His status now – v.6)**

**Q.6 The progression and contents of the songs in these two chapters is quite astounding. Picture the scene – the increasing numbers of participants, the crescendo and conclusion. What insights does this give you into the true nature of worship?**

### **Application:**

**Q.7 Is this your hope and passion?**

**Q.8 How does this perspective of heaven help the readers who are facing persecution and tribulation today?**

**Q.9 How does this perspective of heaven help you?**

### **For the week ahead:**

Think about how the major theme of Revelation 4 (Creation); and the major theme of Revelation 5 (Redemption) are related to one another

*Read Revelation 6:1 – 11:9 (the passage to be studied next week).*