

A THRONE STOOD IN HEAVEN

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The vision of worship in eternity inspires us with the hope we need (4:1-2), overwhelms us with his awesome power (4:3-6a), humbles us in light of his holy, holy, holy-ness (4:6b-10), and encourages us by his authority over all things (4:11).

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. *Chapter four was written to encourage us. Think about a time when you were discouraged or confused about the way life was going. How did having something good to hope for help you?*
2. *Have you ever experienced the sensation of being overwhelmed by God's powerful presence in your life? What's that like for you?*
3. *When you read chapter four in Revelation, you can sense that this vision of God is great and amazing. There's a phrase in verse 2 that tells us that John was "in the Spirit" and it is important that we notice that. John needed supernatural support to take in this magnificent glimpse of God. What do you think may happen if we attempted to draw near to God without being in the Spirit?*
4. *Holy, Holy, Holy describes God as the holiest of all. God's majesty is on display for us in text. Take notice of all the elements of the vision and write a summary response to the whole picture. If you were where John was, what might you say aloud?*

5. *The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures proclaim that God is worthy to receive glory, honour, and power. What reason do they give? According to our sense of time, when did God do the things that demonstrate his unmatched worth?*

6. *“Our difficulties do not own us.” Our trials have an expiry date. Every faithful believer will end up praising God forever. This vision of God inspires us to see beyond the hardship we are in now.*

Do you live today as though God is worthy of your ongoing humble service? Is he the central figure of the most important throne in your life? What does this vision of God motivate you to do?