SMITH FOR CHRIST

TEACHING THE WORD · WATCHING THE TIMES

REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

Revelation

Chapter 4

The Throne Room: Holy, Holy, Holy

MEMORY VERSE · REVELATION 4:11

"Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This week in Revelation 4

Before John saw a single judgment, God showed him the throne. This week the chapter asks you to do the same: look up before you try to figure out everything down here, and see who is really in charge of your life.

How to use this journal

1. Each day, read the passage slowly — out loud if you can.
2. Answer the **Observe** question from the text before you write what it means.
3. Write honestly on the **Reflect** questions. No one grades this.
4. Do the **Respond** step today, not someday. Say the memory verse.
5. Bring this journal to the group. The last page is for the table.

The O·I·A study, the slides and the film for this chapter are on the Revelation study page.

WHERE I AM AS I START THIS CHAPTER

What is going on in my life right now that I want to bring to God this week?

DAY 1 OF 5

A Door Standing Open

READ · REVELATION 4:1–3

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What does John see first when he goes through the open door, and how is the One on the throne described (vv2–3)?

REFLECT

John was told to "Come up here" before he was shown anything on earth (v1). What usually gets your attention first when life gets loud, and what would it look like to go up to God first?

REFLECT

The throne is "standing" and Someone is sitting on it (v2). Where in your life does it feel like no one is in charge, and how does this verse speak to that?

RESPOND — TODAY

Before you check your phone or the news tomorrow morning, spend five minutes reading verse 2 and telling God what is on your mind.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (REVELATION 4:11)

DAY 2 OF 5

Elders, Crowns and Fire

READ · REVELATION 4:4–5

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

List everything John sees around the throne and coming out of it in verses 4 and 5.

REFLECT

The elders are clothed in white and seated near the throne (v4). How does it hit you that God brings people who once failed this close to Himself?

REFLECT

Lightning and thunder come from the same throne that a rainbow surrounds (vv3, 5). Which side of God do you tend to forget, His holiness or His mercy, and why?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write down one way you have treated God too lightly and one way you have doubted His mercy, and give both to Him in prayer.

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DAY 3 OF 5

Holy, Holy, Holy

READ · REVELATION 4:6–8

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Describe the four living creatures. What do they have, and what do they never stop saying (vv6–8)?

REFLECT

The creatures are "full of eyes" and they never stop worshiping (vv6, 8). What has kept your eyes off of who God is lately?

REFLECT

They call God the One "who was and who is and who is to come" (v8). Which part of your story, past, present or future, do you most need to hand to Him?

RESPOND — TODAY

Say verse 8 out loud slowly three times today, and after each time name one thing about God that it makes you think of.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (REVELATION 4:11)

DAY 4 OF 5

They Cast Their Crowns

READ · REVELATION 4:9–10

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What three things do the elders do every time the living creatures give glory to God (v10)?

REFLECT

The elders throw down crowns they actually won (v10). What good things in your life, sobriety, a job, respect, are you tempted to hold on to as your own?

REFLECT

Their worship starts because the creatures worship (vv9–10). Whose worship has pulled you closer to God, and whose life might yours be pulling along?

RESPOND — TODAY

Pick one accomplishment you are proud of and thank God for it by name, telling Him it belongs to Him.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (REVELATION 4:11)

DAY 5 OF 5

Worthy Are You

READ · REVELATION 4:11

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

According to verse 11, why is God worthy to receive glory and honor and power?

REFLECT

You exist "because of Your will" (v11). How does knowing God wanted you to exist change the way you see your past or your worth?

REFLECT

If God made all things, what part of your life are you still running as if it belongs to you?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write verse 11 on a card, carry it with you, and read it every time you start to feel worthless or in control.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (REVELATION 4:11)

WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

Which piece of the throne room in verses 2–8 stayed with you most this week, and why?

FOR THE GROUP · 2

Where did you notice yourself sitting on the throne of your own life this week (vv2, 10)?

FOR THE GROUP · 3

How could our group learn to worship now, instead of waiting for heaven (vv8–11)?

MY PRAYER

Lord God Almighty, You are on the throne and I am not, so today I lay down…

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · REVELATION 4:11

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