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The throne in 1st century culture depicted the highest place of honor, greatness and power, and those who sat on the throne were viewed as possessing all authority. In chapter four, John is allowed to see who really occupies the the Ultimate Throne. It's no surprise to discover that neither Caesar nor the Antichrist are adequate rivals. In this vision, John is overwhelmed by a myriad of sights + sounds as he sees things that he never dreamed of even existing.

In the presence of the manifold beauties of God, worship and song appear to be as commonplace as taking a breath. Not only do these four glorious and peculiar creatures worship, so do these twenty-four elders/rulers, who do so by casting down their very crowns (which may represent their reward or honor).

+READ (Revelation 4)

Read this passage out loud together as a group/family before asking any of the below questions.

+OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION

1. What are some of the common misconceptions about heaven?
2. Through out history 'the throne' has always spoken of government + authority. What message do you think is intended to be communicated about God, by placing this unveiling of heavens throne here in the book of Revelation.
3. Read Isaiah 6:1-3 + Ezekiel 1:4-28 and compare the similarities to those of Revelation 4. Why do you think there are differences in the descriptions between the 3 texts?
4. What are some of the initial impressions you feel about God the Father, when reading 4:1-11?
5. What appears to be the most elemental occupation of heaven?
6. When those in heaven are said to 'cast down their crowns' what do you think is intended by this action?

+APPLICATION

1. What does it mean for you to worship God?
2. Does your worship of God center around his throne, beauty + greatness?
3. What things in your life do you consider as gifts, talents or crowns that you will humbly and gladly cast before Jesus?

+MEMORY VERSE

Rev 4:11 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.



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