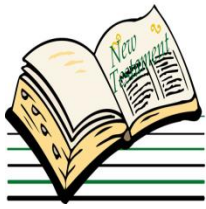


Sermon Notes



Title: "Visions of Heaven to Sharpen Visions of Earth"

Text: Revelation Chapter 4

1. Seated on the Throne

2. From the Throne

3. Behind the Throne

4. In Front of the Throne

5. Around the Throne

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

Traditionally, the last book of the Bible has been called "The Revelation of John," but it actually begins with the words "The Revelation of _____."

Things are not exactly as they _____.

Apocalyptic literature seeks to do two things: first, it seeks to set the present in light of the _____ of the future. For if we know what the future holds it determines the choices we make in the present. Second, and more importantly, it seeks to set the present in light of the invisible realities of the _____.

_____ is the most frequent command in the entire book of Revelation.

In light of John's circumstances, it must be encouraging to see that the Throne is _____.

The Israelites, as well as the Canaanites saw the sea as a place of _____.

The surest way to gain or regain an accurate vision is to _____.

Questions for Discussion:

What was so important about John receiving a vision on the Isle of Patmos on the Lord's Day?

Do you think of heaven as being far away? Does Revelation 4 do anything to change your perspective?

Do you agree with the statement, "What you think about, you bring about?" Why or why not?

The world, the flesh and the devil warp and darken our vision of real life. How does "the world" apply distortions in your life? How about "your flesh (sinful nature)?" The devil?

What pressures or circumstances in your life (or others) has caused you, or tempted you to conclude that God is "not on the throne?"

What make worship of the Almighty so integral to the vision of Revelation 4?

Do the elders coming off their thrones and casting their crowns at His feet tell us anything about what worship entails?