

Sunday, February 19, 2023 - "Revelation - Week 6 - Watch the Throne" - Wayne Stapleton

Key Passages: Revelation 4, Revelation 5, Galatians 3:28

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- Transition from letters to vision...God in his throne, center of Revelation
- After this... (a vision or a dream communicating something deeper)
  - Vision of the throne room of Heaven...everything in relation to the throne (it's a busy room)
  - Things on earth are a shadow or a type of what's in Heaven
- What the creatures/people DO is more important than who/what they are
  - They worship and reveal that god is worthy
  - Reality is God's idea, creation is his...his throne is the center of the universe
- Sometimes when we worship Heaven meets Earth
- Dilemma: the scroll that can't be opened (the destiny of the universe hangs in the balance)
  - The scroll is like a title or deed for the universe and the Earth
  - Revelation is about God ruling his creation
  - The opening of the scroll → fullness of the Kingdom of God, redemption, sin and death defeated
- 5:5 - The lion of Judah is able to open it
  - A lamb that looked like it had been slaughtered
  - It's not superman or even a lion BUT a lamb that was slain
  - Lamb = focal point of God's plan for redemption → Jesus fought as a humble servant (we are called to be like Him)
- Prayers of the saints in verse 8...we are represented, our prayers rise like incense before God
- How do we apply this vision (chapters 4 and 5)
  - God is the focal point...worship him
  - We all worship something...choose to put God on the throne of our hearts (how do we spend our time and why?)
  - He doesn't share the throne
- Big 3 (where do we get these?)
  - Identity - our individual identities are redeemed and become subordinate to the will of God
  - Belonging - world cut up into tribes, church at war with themselves, but we are called to be one
  - Purpose - Pathway to revival is our own personal repentance, living for the gospel and serving others
- Who are we putting on the throne in our lives?

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. What stands out to you about the vision of the throne room in Revelation and why?
2. What does it mean for you to "reveal that God is worthy" in your life?
3. When was a time that you experienced heaven meeting earth?
4. What can we learn from the truth that Jesus fought as a lamb and not a lion?
5. Who or what competes for the throne on your life?
6. What does it look like for you to constantly put God on the throne of your heart and life?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this message or passage?

**Songs from the weekend:**

**[This Is Amazing Grace - Bethel Music] - [Look to the Lamb - Jesus Image] - [Jesus at the Center - Israel Houghton] - [Praises - Josh Baldwin]**