

**Problem:** what are we saved from? why is God so mad?

Rom 1:16-32 - the wrath of God revealed from heaven

- because man does not know who he is
- and what he is made for
- God gave them up

God's wrath is being poured out upon mankind and mankind doesn't even know it but one day it will - > Rev 6:16-17; 9:13-16 (the revelation of His wrath)

### Main Idea:

The unveiling of His wrath begins in Heaven  
with God on His throne  
surrounded by His Church  
surrounded by His angels  
surrounded by worship

### Implication:

while God's wrath is poured out on a world that refuses to worship Him  
His church will be in continuous worship

### Application:

we are called to be in continuous worship now

### text:

#### The unveiling of His wrath begins in Heaven

Rev. 4:1 ¶ **After this** I looked, and behold, a door standing open (perf pass) in **heaven!** And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "**Come up here**, and I will show you what must take place **after this.**"

**after this** - Rev 1:19 (after the church age)(outline - pre wrath)

**door** - Rev 3:8

**come up here** - 1 Th 4:13-5:11 (we are not destined for wrath - encourage each other)

#### with God on His throne

Rev. 4:2 At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, **a throne** (14x this chapter - 46 total rev.) stood in heaven, with one seated on **the throne.**

Rev. 4:3 And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper (clear diamond) and carnelian (red), and **around the throne** was a rainbow (before the storm) that had the appearance of an emerald (green).

**a throne** - Rev 5:6-7 (the Father on the throne - drama)

**one seated** - 1 Tim 6:16 (no anthropomorphisms for the Father)

#### surrounded by His church

Rev. 4:4 **Around the throne** were twenty-four **thrones**, and seated on the **thrones** were twenty-four elders, clothed in **white garments**, with **golden crowns** on their heads.

Rev. 4:5 From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the **throne** were burning seven torches of fire, which are the **seven spirits of God,**

Rev. 4:6a and before the **throne** there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. ¶

**24** - 1 Chron 24:3-5 -> Rev 1:4-6 (kingdom of priests - the glorified church)

**elders** - is the church in perfection - Rev 5:8-10

**thrones** - Rev 3:21; (1 Cor 6:13; 2 Tim 2:12)

**white robes** - Rev 3:4-6, 18; 19:4-9 (wedding supper) - 19:14

**crowns** - Rev 2:10; 3:11

**rumbling thunder** - (Exodus 19:9-18)

**seven spirits of God** - Rev 1:4, 20; 3:1 -> Rev 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22 (the spirit filled church)

#### surrounded by His angels

Rev. 4:6b And **around the throne**, on each side of the throne, are **four living creatures**, full of eyes in front and behind:

Rev. 4:7 **the first** living creature like a lion, **the second** living creature like an ox, **the third** living creature with the face of a man, and **the fourth** living creature like an eagle in flight.

**four living creatures** - Ezekiel 1:1-28 and 10:1-5, 20-22 (are angels)

cherubim - 1 kings 6:23-29; ex 25:18-21; 26:31; psalm 80:1; 99:1

the Divine war machine - Rev 6:1-2, 6; 15:7 -Heavenly secret service

lion, ox, man, eagle - representatives of creation - Gen 9:8-13

### **surrounded by worship**

Rev. 4:8 And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and **day and night they never cease to say**,

“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come!”

Rev. 4:9 ¶ And **whenever the living creatures give glory** and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever,

Rev. 4:10 **the twenty-four elders fall down** before him who is seated on the throne **and worship** him who lives forever and ever. They **cast their crowns** before the throne, saying,

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.”

**never cease, whenever** - to worship - Rev 5:8, 14; 7:11; 11:16; 19:4

**implication** - during the tribulation the church will be in worship

**application** - but we don't have to wait - start now - 1 Thess 5:16-18

### **articles for further study:**

**<http://www.bible-truth.org/Revelation-Chapter4.pdf>**

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