



I Can Only Imagine

Revelation 4:1-11

Series: Christ Revealed

Revelation 4:1-11 (HCSB)

1 After this I looked, and there in heaven was an open door. The first voice that I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.”

2 Immediately I was in the Spirit, and there in heaven a throne was set. One was seated on the throne,

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3 and the One seated looked like jasper and carnelian stone. A rainbow that looked like an emerald surrounded the throne. 4 Around that throne were 24 thrones, and on the thrones sat 24 elders dressed in white clothes, with gold crowns on their heads.

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5 From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings, and thunder. Burning before the throne were seven fiery torches, which are the seven spirits of God. 6 Also before the throne was something like a sea of glass, similar to crystal. In the middle and around the throne were four living creatures covered with eyes in front and in back.

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7 The first living creature was like a lion; the second living creature was like a calf; the third living creature had a face like a man; and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.

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8 Each of the four living creatures had six wings; they were covered with eyes around and inside. Day and night they never stop, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God, the Almighty, who was, who is, and who is coming.

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**9 Whenever the living
creatures give glory, honor,
and thanks to the One seated
on the throne, the One who
lives forever and ever,
10 the 24 elders fall down
before the One seated on the
throne, worship the One who
lives forever and ever, cast
their crowns before the
throne, and say:**

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11 Our Lord and God, You are worthy to receive glory and honor and power, because You have created all things, and because of Your will they exist and were created.

The background of the slide is a scenic landscape viewed through a series of golden, ornate arches. The landscape features a calm body of water in the foreground, with dark, forested mountains in the distance. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. A large, bright moon is visible in the sky on the left side. The arches are supported by vertical golden pillars.

1. A Snapshot of Heaven

a. The Door

As John looked at this open door, the **"first voice"** which sounded **"like a trumpet"** called to him, **"Come up here and I will show you things which must take place after this."**



1. A Snapshot of Heaven

b. The Throne

"like a jasper." **"Jasper"** was a precious stone that we might recognize today as a beautiful multi-faceted diamond.

like "a sardius stone." We would describe this precious stone as a carnelian ruby.

"there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald."

1. A Snapshot of Heaven

c. The Elders

they are "clothed in white robes."

they "had crowns of gold on their heads." There are two Greek words for "crowns" mentioned in Revelation. One is the **crown of a ruler** and the other the **crown of the victor**, like the winners in the Greek games. *This is the victor's crown.*

1. A Snapshot of Heaven

d. The Worship

The "seven lamps of fire" are "seven Spirits of God." These "seven lamps" represent the presence of Holy Spirit

The crystal sea---the pureness
The four living creatures- Holy, Holy, Holy.

Worship for the worthy – the Lamb



2. The Purpose in Heaven

Worship

It will be real and authentic

No encumbrances

No facades

2. The Purpose in Heaven

This worship can be found on the Lord's Day at FBC

Even though Stephen Covey makes no claim to our faith, He says in his best-selling book *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience."

The image features a serene landscape of a lake and mountains, viewed through a series of golden, arched frames. A full moon is visible in the sky on the left side. The text is overlaid on the central part of the image.

**I Can Only Imagine
What Heaven Will Be**

The Beauty

The Worship

His Worthiness