CrossRoads Community Church Sermon Summary Sheet, Week of August 7, 2022 "THE THRONE ROOM OF HEAVEN – Hope for a Troubled World" Part 1: The Authority of the Lord, Revelation 4: 1-11

INTRODUCTION: After the first vision of the exalted Christ caring for and protecting His churches, the revelation of "what must take place after this," i.e., the coming of God's Kingdom, begins. Of course the first part of what's coming is terrible conflict initiated by Satan and the powers of evil.

Therefore, chapters 4 and 5 of Revelation begin with the ultimate and eternal fact of God enthroned and ruling in His universe!

OUTLINE OF REVELATION

- 1. PROLOGUE (1:1-8)
- 2. THE FIRST VISION (1:9-3:22)
- 3. THE SECOND VISION (4:1-16:21)
- 4. THE THIRD VISION (17:1-21:8)
- 5. THE FOURTH VISION THE HEAVENLY JERUSALEM (21:9-22:5)
- 6. EPILOGUE (22:6-21)

1. REMEMBER THIS PICTURE OF ROYALTY

"Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne." Rev. 4: 2

- Power of Captivation Psalm 66: 3-4
- Power of Condemnation John 3:18, Matthew 10: 28
- Power over Creation Nehemiah 9:6

2. RELY ON THE PROMISE FOR THE REDEEMED

"Around the throne were twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads." Revelation 4: 4

- Thrones Ruling Daniel 7:27, 2 Timothy 2:12
- Garments Righteousness Isaiah 61:10
- Crowns Rewards 1 Peter 5:4, Revelation 2:10c

3. RESPOND WITH PRAISE AND REJOICING

"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created." Revelation 4: 11

- Unseated (off our thrones) Hebrews 4:16; 12: 28-29
- Unceasing (unending) Psalm 71:14: 145:1
- Unselfish (casting our crowns) Heb. 13:15; 1 Chron. 16:29

CONCLUSION

"However fearful or uncontrolled the forces of evil on earth may seem to be, they cannot annul or eclipse the greater fact that behind the scenes God is on His throne governing the universe." George Ladd

Our hope rests on the fact that for the followers of Jesus, He is preparing a place for us where we will be with Him forever!