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This lesson offers an in-depth analysis of Revelation chapter four, centering on John's vision of heaven's throne room. The speaker underscores God's supreme authority, the reality of the unseen spiritual realm, and the overwhelming beauty and order of heaven as perceived by John. Key elements include the throne's significance, God's description using precious stones, the 24 elders symbolizing the complete church, the seven spirits of God, the sea of glass, and the four living creatures. The lesson contrasts heaven's order with the chaos of an atheistic worldview and the sin-corrupted earthly realm, affirming that Jesus's work reconciles humanity to God's divine nature and promises a future free from suffering.

Knowledge Points

1. Introduction to Revelation Chapter 4

- **Title and Study Approach**
 - The primary title for the lesson on Revelation chapter four is "The throne above all, God's supreme authority."
 - The speaker listed alternative titles: "The throne room of heaven," "John's heavenly vision," "A door opened in heaven," and "The majesty of God."
 - Devotional practice: read Revelation chapter four multiple times, each preceded by prayer, focusing on one suggested title per reading to gain deeper insight.
- **Frame of Reference and Numbers to Remember**
 - John recorded his vision from his own frame of reference. The speaker illustrates this by comparing the 5–6 months it took the Apostle Paul to travel from Caesarea to Rome with the 7–9 hours it would take today.
 - Remember the numbers two, three, twenty-four, seven, and four, corresponding to key elements in the chapter.

2. The Two Worlds and the Three Doors

- **The Reality of Two Worlds**
 - Two worlds exist: the physical world we inhabit and the spiritual world, which is real, pervasive, and unseen.
 - John was on Patmos as a prisoner because Rome failed to execute him by boiling him in oil. God protected him so he could write Revelation.
 - Sin's entry into the world (in Eden) altered the physical realm, introducing death and ferocity.
- **The Purpose of Jesus's Coming**
 - Jesus came from spiritual reality into this world to:
 - Reconcile us to God.
 - Reveal God's love.
 - Model authentic humanity as it was meant to be.
 - Make believers participants in His divine nature.
- **The Three Doors in Revelation**

- **Door 1 (Church of Philadelphia):** A door of opportunity, service, and access, set open by God so no one can shut it.
- **Door 2 (Church of Laodicea):** A door of invitation, fellowship, and intimacy, where Christ knocks at the church's door, seeking entry.
- **Door 3 (Heavenly Door — Revelation 4:1):** A door opened in heaven inviting John to see future events, unveiling Christ's glory and the revelation of the throne.

3. The Throne Room of Heaven

- **The Centrality of the Throne**

- When John was in the Spirit, his attention was immediately drawn to a throne in heaven with "one" sitting on it.
- "One" is used because God transcends description; He is "I am," the eternal, living being.
- The throne signifies government, order, and a divine plan—God's control over creation.
- This contrasts with atheism, which acknowledges no throne, attributing the universe to mindless, random, misguided forces. The speaker cites Psalm 14:1: "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God."

- **Description of the One on the Throne**

- The One on the throne appeared like jasper and sardine stone, radiating vivid, beautiful light, aligning with 1 John 1:5: "God is light, and in him is no darkness at all."
- An emerald-like rainbow encircled the throne, signifying God's promise never again to judge the world with a flood (a sign of salvation). The speaker critiques the "Pride group" for hijacking this symbol.
- Ezekiel 1:26–28 parallels this vision, describing sapphire, amber, fire, and a rainbow—"the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord."

- **The Beauty of God and Spiritual Renewal**

- Visions of God are marked by overwhelming beauty, light, and glory.
- A heart shaped by God learns to recognize beauty that is pure, gracious, and enduring.
- Spiritual renewal (rebirth) grants a new capacity to perceive beauty previously invisible.

4. Beings Around the Throne

- **The Twenty-Four Elders (Rev 4:4)**

- John saw 24 elders on 24 seats around the throne.
- They were clothed in white raiment, symbolizing righteousness and holiness.
- They wore crowns of gold, promised to believers, not angels.
- The speaker identifies them as redeemed believers because in Revelation 5 they sing a new song: "Thou wast slain and hast redeemed us."
- The number 24 likely represents the 12 patriarchs (Old Testament) and the 12 apostles (New Testament), symbolizing the complete, unified church of all ages.

- **The Seven Spirits of God (Rev 4:5)**

- From the throne came lightnings, thunderings, and voices.

- Seven lamps of fire burned before the throne, identified as the seven spirits of God.
- These lamps are compared to the temple Menorah, built as a representation of heavenly realities.
- Isaiah 11:2 identifies the seven spirits: the Spirit of the Lord, wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, and the fear of the Lord.
- **The Sea of Glass (Rev 4:6)**
 - Before the throne was a “sea of glass like crystal.”
 - This calm, crystalline sea signifies chaos and evil subdued and stilled by God’s sovereign power.
 - It contrasts with the “troubled sea” of the wicked, who lack peace (Isaiah 57:20).
- **The Four Living Creatures (Rev 4:6–9)**
 - Four living creatures were in and around the throne, full of eyes in front and behind.
 - Their features reflect creation’s aspects:
 - **Swiftness:** Wings enabling flight.
 - **Intelligence/Discernment:** Bodies covered with eyes.
 - **Faces:** Four faces—a lion (wild animals), a bull calf (domestic animals), a man (humanity), and an eagle (birds of the sky)—representing the entire created order.

5. Worship in Heaven

- **The Act of Worship**
 - The 24 elders fall down and cast their golden crowns before the throne.
 - They proclaim God’s worthiness to receive glory, honor, and power.
- **The Reason for Worship**
 - God is worshiped because He created all things, and all things exist for His pleasure.
 - The speaker concludes: “Our God is a holy God” and “an awesome God.”

Assignments

1. ☐ For deeper devotional study, read Revelation chapter four multiple times, each time focusing on a different suggested title for the chapter.
2. ☐ Read and study the slide created by the speaker about why Jesus came to Earth (reconciliation, revealing God’s love, modeling humanity, and making us participants in the divine nature).
3. ☐ Reflect on how God’s plan provides order, contrasting it with the idea of a chaotic, random universe proposed by atheism.
4. ☐ Consider how spiritual renewal enables a person to perceive beauty that was previously invisible.