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# **Glory to the Lamb**

***A study of the Book of Revelation***

A white lion and a white lamb are sitting on a large, fluffy white cloud. The lion is on the left, looking directly at the camera with a calm expression. The lamb is on the right, partially obscured by the lion's mane and looking towards the camera. The background is a bright blue sky filled with soft, white, scattered clouds. The overall scene is peaceful and ethereal.

# **Glory to the Lamb**

**Session #3: *First Glimpse of Heaven***

# **Goals for Session #3**

- **To review different approaches to understanding Revelation**
- **To meet and to identify the cast of characters and scenery of heaven**
- **To think about the meaning of worship**
- **To make personal application of the truths we learn**

A lion's head is superimposed on a background of a bright blue sky filled with fluffy white clouds. The lion's face is centered in the upper left quadrant, looking slightly to the right. The overall image has a soft, ethereal quality.

# **The Drama Begins!**

- **With chapter 4, the great drama of Revelation begins**
  - First three chapters were introductory
- **Chapters 4-5 primarily introduce heaven and its inhabitants**

# Historicist Approach

Unsealing of the  
scroll represents  
the fall of the  
Roman Empire



# Preterist Approach

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# Futurist Approach

Rapture of the  
church and the  
start of the  
Great  
Tribulation



# Idealist Approach

This all  
describes how  
God deals with  
humanity – over  
and over again.







# **An Invitation**

## **Read Revelation 4:1-2a**

- **An open door into heaven**
- **An unidentified yet familiar “voice” (1:10)**
  - Sounds like a trumpet
- **“In the Spirit”**
- **Invitation**
  - Come and see (John 1:39)

# **The Throne Room**

**Read Revelation 4:2b-6a**

- **Main Throne**
- **24 Other Thrones**
  - Set in a circle around the main throne

A lion's face is superimposed on a background of a bright blue sky filled with fluffy white clouds. The lion's face is centered and slightly faded, blending into the background. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

# **The Throne Room**

## **SITTING ON THE MAIN THRONE**

- **“Someone”**
- **Appearance of jasper and carnelian**
- **Circled by an emerald rainbow**
- **Emitting flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder**
- **Seven lamps are in front (Spirit of God)**
- **Crystal sea**

A lion and a lamb are depicted sitting on a large, fluffy white cloud against a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The lion is on the left, looking towards the right, and the lamb is on the right, looking towards the left. The scene is peaceful and symbolic.

# **The Throne Room**

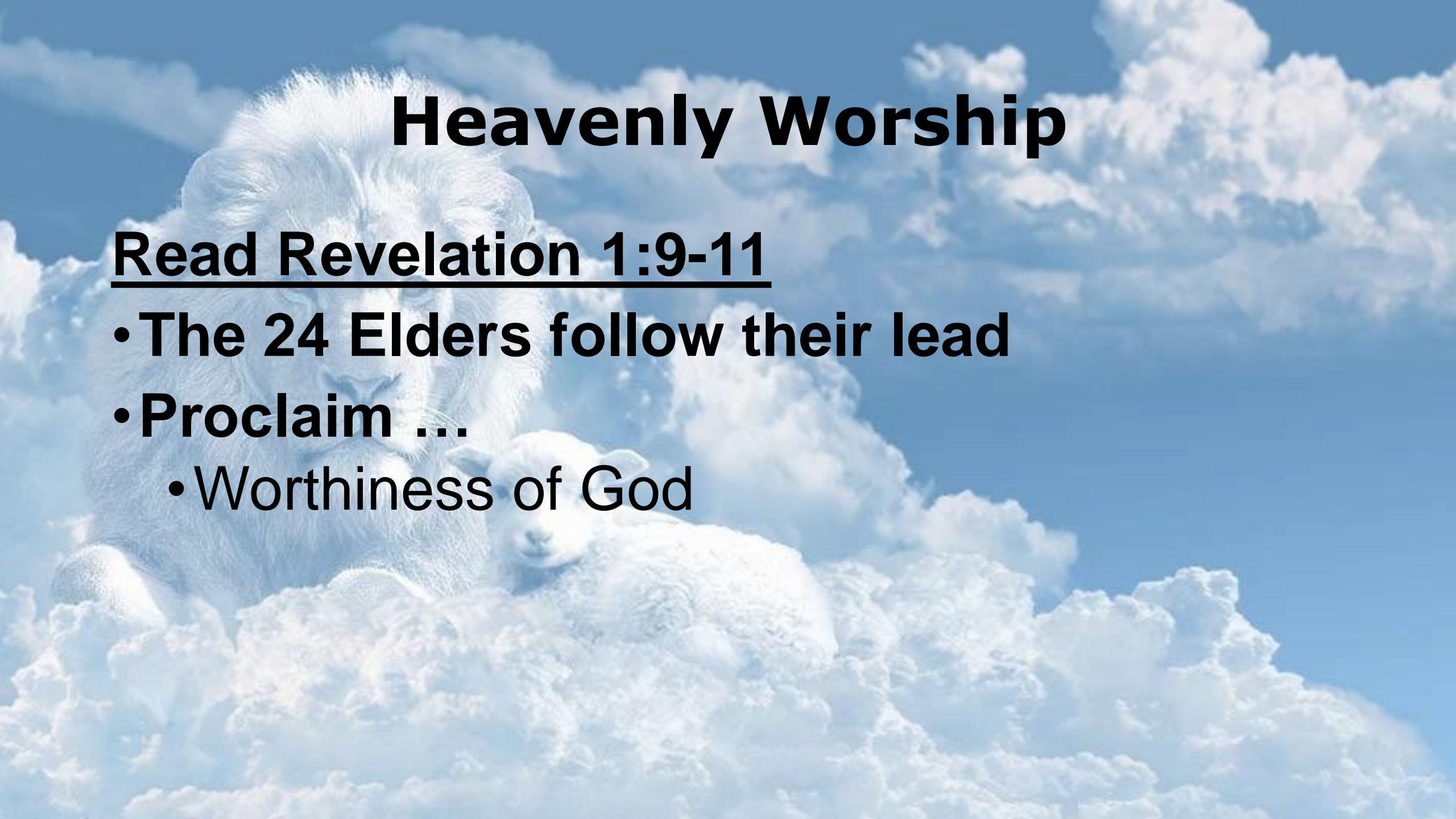
## **SITTING ON THE 24 THRONES**

- **24 Elders**
- **Dressed in white**
- **Crowns of gold**
- **Not heavenly creatures, but humans**

# **The Four Living Creatures**

## **Read Revelation 4:6b-8**

- **In the center and around the throne**
- **Covered with eyes**
- **Six wings**
- **Facial appearance was different**
- **Constant in worship**

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# Heavenly Worship

## Read Revelation 1:9-11

- **The 24 Elders follow their lead**
- **Proclaim ...**
  - **Worthiness of God**

# **Introducing the Scroll**

## **Read Revelation 5:1-4**

- **Scroll with double-sided writing**
- **In the right hand of the throne-sitter**
- **Sealed with seven seals**
- **Can only be opened by one who is worthy**

# **Introducing the Lamb**

## **Read Revelation 5:5-7**

- **One elder proclaims the Lamb “worthy”**
- **Lion of Judah and Root of David**
- **Triumphant**
- **Appears to have been slain**
- **Found standing at the center of the throne**
- **Seven horns and seven eyes**



A lion is shown in profile, facing right, with a small white lamb in its mouth. The background is a bright blue sky filled with white, fluffy clouds. The text is overlaid on this image.

# **More Worship**

## **Read Revelation 5:8-14**

- **Prompted when the Lamb takes the scroll**
- **All of heaven worships!!**
- **Seven bowls of incense**
- **Everyone had a harp**
- **Everyone sang a new song (3 songs total)**

# **Song 1: Elders and Creatures**

## **Themes of their song**

- **He was sacrificed**
- **He redeemed us with His blood**
- **He made us into a kingdom and serving priests**
- **We too reign**

# **Song 2: Thousands of Angels**

## **Seven elements of praise:**

***Power***

***Wisdom***

***Honor***

***Blessing***

***Wealth***

***Might***

***Glory***



## **Song 3: All Creation**

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(Philippians 2:9-11)



# **Homework**

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**Read Revelation 6:1 - 8:5**

**The Seven Seals**

