

**THE MASTERCRAFT:**

**“THE GLORY OF THE THRONE”**

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## THE GLORY OF THE THRONE

### **Text: Heb 4: 16 and Revelations 4**

“<sup>16</sup> Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

- **Receive mercy**

- **Find grace to help you in time of need**

**Hebrews 3:6** “But Christ is faithful as the son over God's house. And we are His house, if we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope of which we boast.”

**Heb 10:** <sup>19</sup> therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the most holy place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, His body, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> **let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings.**

**Romans 5:12** “through Jesus we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we stand.

**Philippians 2:12** “now, continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling.”

## Revelations 4: The Throne in Heaven

<sup>2</sup> At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. <sup>3</sup> And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne. ... **BEAUTY**

<sup>4</sup> Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. .... **Humility (all throne, and all with crowns of gold) and Commonality (all in quite)**

<sup>5</sup> From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder.

...**Boldness and in-charge – No timidity**

In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God.

.... **Holy Spirit.** <sup>6</sup> Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal. ....**Purity and Transparency**

In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. <sup>7</sup> The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an

ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. <sup>8</sup> Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

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

.... **Witnesses** that understand the character/action we present. And they relate with God.

<sup>9</sup> Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, <sup>10</sup> the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. .... **Praise & Worship**

They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

<sup>11</sup> “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”

..... **Credibility and Thanksgiving**

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### Revelations 4: The Throne in Heaven hasd the following:

- **Beauty:** A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne.
- **Humility:** All 25 (1 +24) thrones are thrones and are all crowns of gold. Each person allowed to sit on throne, no one was made less comfortable than the other
- **Consistency/Commonality:** They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold
- **Boldness and in-charge – No timidity:** Flashes of lightening and peals of thunder
- **Purity and Transparency:** Sea of glass and Clear as crystal
- **Presence of the Holy Spirit:** There cannot be light without the Holy Spirit
- **Witnesses:** Eyes are watching us
- **Praise & Worship:** Day & night they never stop saying...; 24 elders fall down before Him
- **Credibility and Thanksgiving:** You are worthy to receive glory, honour and power

**“We are created in God’s likeness” (Gen 1;26). To be able to access the throne, we can’t look different from the glory of the throne –commonality is required!**

**We see that across the bible, what God requires us to do is for our own benefit. To enable us be able to access the throne so we can:**

- Receive Mercy (we cannot pull through this world in our self-righteousness)
- **Find grace to help us in time of need**

To do this, we must be throne-ready all the time.

For instance, the table below shows what exists on the throne and what God expects from us.....

Glory of Throne	What God Requires Us To Do
<b>Beauty</b>	<b>1 Peter 3: 3</b> Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, .. <b>4</b> Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which <b>is of great worth in God's sight.</b>
<b>Humility</b>	<b>James 4:</b> “ <b>6</b> But God gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”
<b>Commonality</b>	<b>Romans 12:16</b> “Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status. Don't think that you're so smart.”
<b>Boldness</b>	<b>Proverbs 28:1</b> ..., the righteous are as bold as a lion.
<b>Purity and Transparency</b>	Matthew 5:“ <b>8</b> Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.’ <b>2 Corin 6:</b> “ <b>11</b> We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you.”
<b>Holy Spirit</b>	<b>Romans 8:14</b> “Those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.”
<b>Witnesses</b>	<b>Hebs. 12:</b> since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. Let us run with perseverance..”
<b>Praise/Worship</b>	<b>Psalms 22:3</b> “God inhabits in the praises of his people.”
<b>Credibility</b>	<b>Gal 6:</b> <sup>9</sup> Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.