

Revelation Lesson 14 Handout

2 Corinthians 4:8–9

⁸We are hedged in (pressed) on every side [troubled and oppressed in every way], but not cramped or crushed; we suffer embarrassments and are perplexed and unable to find a way out, but not driven to despair;

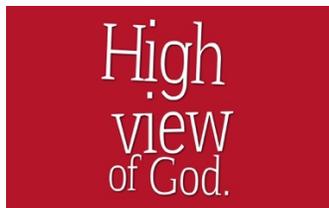
⁹We are pursued (persecuted and hard driven), but not deserted [to stand alone]; we are struck down to the ground, but never struck out and destroyed;

2 Corinthians 4:14

¹⁴Assured that He Who raised up the Lord Jesus will raise us up also with Jesus and bring us [along] with you into His presence.

2 Corinthians 5:7

⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight—



Revelation 4

¹After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things."

²Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne.

Ezekiel 8:3–4

³He stretched out the form of a hand and caught me by a lock of my head; and the Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem...

⁴And behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, like the appearance which I saw in the plain.

2 Corinthians 12

1 Boasting is necessary, though it is not profitable; but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord.

²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a man was caught up to the third heaven.



Ray Stedman writes that after the attack on Pearl Harbor he was brought in to paint the office of Admiral Chester Nimitz – Commander in chief of the entire US Pacific fleet and chief naval strategist of World War II. He said he was taken back by this room where the historic events of this war were conceived and brought into existence. Within these 4 walls the Admiral gathers with

his captains and advisers to plan the tactics, advances and assaults of the greatest conflict in human history. But the awe I felt pales in comparison to what John must have felt where he finds himself in the control center for the entire universe.

We don't look to them – we look to God.

God rules.

God sits on His throne controlling this world as He sees fit.

2 Chronicles 20:6

⁶and he said, "O LORD, the God of our fathers, are You not God in the heavens? And are You not ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? Power and might are in Your hand so that no one can stand against You.

Psalm 2:1–4

¹Why are the nations in an uproar and the peoples devising a vain thing?

²The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,

³“Let us tear their fetters apart and cast away their cords from us!”

⁴He who sits in the heavens laughs, the Lord scoffs at them.

Psalm 11:4–5

⁴The LORD is in His holy temple; the LORD’S throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.

Psalm 47:8

⁸God reigns over the nations, God sits on His holy throne.

How I think about the bed determines whether or not I rest in it.

How I think about God determines if I will rest in this world amidst the chaos.

People have settled for a God “on call” or a God available for crises and fiascos, who does a bit of juggling with weather patterns and parking stalls but who otherwise remains unobtrusive as a chambermaid, tidying things up while you’re at brunch, leaving a crisp sash of tissue around the lid of the toilet bowl to let you know all is in order.

The problem, obviously, is that this god – so kind, so shy so tame – has nothing whatsoever to do with the God of the Bible. This god resembles not even remotely the God whose Spirit broods and dances, the God who topples entire empires, sometimes overnight, the God who reveals himself in the Christ who looks big men in the eye and says, “Follow me,” and then walks away not waiting for a reply.

³And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance.

Exodus 33:20 ²⁰But He said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!"

Exodus 24:9–11

⁹Then Moses went up with Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel,

¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel; and under His feet there appeared to be a pavement of sapphire, as clear as the sky itself.



⁴Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.

1 Corinthians 13:9–12

⁹For our knowledge is fragmentary (incomplete and imperfect), and our prophecy (our teaching) is fragmentary (incomplete and imperfect).

¹⁰But when the complete and perfect (total) comes, the incomplete and imperfect will vanish away (become antiquated, void, and superseded).

¹²For now we are looking in a mirror that gives only a dim (blurred) reflection [of reality as in a riddle or enigma], but then [when perfection comes] we shall see in reality and face to face! Now I know in part (imperfectly), but then I shall know and understand fully and clearly, even in the same manner as I have been fully and clearly known and understood [by God].

Revelation 4:⁵Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;

⁶and before the throne there was something like a sea of glass, like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind.

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

⁸And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME."

⁹And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever,

**¹⁰the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,
¹¹“Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.”**

Revelation 4:5 Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder.

Exodus 19:16

¹⁶So it came about on the third day, when it was morning, that there were thunder and lightning flashes and a thick cloud upon the mountain and a very loud trumpet sound, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled.

Exodus 20:18

¹⁸All the people perceived the thunder and the lightning flashes and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood at a distance.

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Jude 9

⁹But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!”

Luke 1:19

19 And the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings.

Revelation 5:11

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voices of many angels on every side of the throne and of the living creatures and the elders [of the heavenly Sanhedrin], and they numbered ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands,

Nehemiah 9:6

⁶[And Ezra said], You are the Lord, You alone; You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and You preserve them all, and the hosts of heaven worship You.

Seraphim

Isaiah 6:2-7

²Above Him stood the seraphim; each had six wings: with two [each] covered his [own] face, and with two [each] covered his feet, and with two [each] flew.

³And one cried to another and said, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!

Cherubim

Genesis 3:24

²⁴So [God] drove out the man; and He placed at the east of the Garden of Eden the cherubim and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep and guard the way to the tree of life.

Psalm 99:1

¹THE LORD reigns, let the peoples tremble [with reverential fear]! He sits [enthroned] above the cherubim, let the earth quake

Ezekiel 1–9

¹Now it came about in the thirtieth year, on the fifth day of the fourth month, while I was by the river Chebar among the exiles, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.

⁴As I looked, behold, a storm wind was coming from the north, a great cloud with fire flashing forth continually and a bright light around it, and in its midst something like glowing metal in the midst of the fire.

⁵Within it there were figures resembling four living beings. And this was their appearance: they had human form.

⁶Each of them had four faces and four wings.

⁷Their legs were straight and their feet were like a calf's hoof, and they gleamed like burnished bronze.

⁸Under their wings on their four sides were human hands. As for the faces and wings of the four of them,

⁹their wings touched one another; their faces did not turn when they moved, each went straight forward.

¹⁰As for the form of their faces, each had the face of a man; all four had the face of a lion on the right and the face of a bull on the left, and all four had the face of an eagle.

¹¹Such were their faces. Their wings were spread out above; each had two touching another being, and two covering their bodies.

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