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Proverbs 7:2 – Matthew 5:6 – John 8:32 – II Timothy 3:16-17 – Hebrews 4:12
“Let us Hunger For Truth”

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Dear Hunger For Truth Readers: (Final Subscription Notice)

To start, we want to thank all our subscribers who read Hunger For Truth each time it is emailed. We also want to especially thank those who share it with folks in their local church body. We praise God for each and every one of you and for the privilege of publishing Hunger For Truth twice a month.

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Thank you so much for your cooperation and may God richly bless you, your family, and your local church ministries.

In His Service,
Bro. Craig
Bro. Lacroix
Prov. 3:5-6

P.S. I only received three replies. If you previously replied, you do not need to reply. Thanks.

The Book of Revelation (Chapter 4) (Dr. Thomas Strouse)

The following is **part #** of a study on the book of Revelation by Dr. Thomas Strouse who is Pastor of Bible Baptist Church and Theological Seminary in Cromwell, CT (www.bbc-cromwell.org). It is a syllabus written by Dr. Strouse. It is the HFT editors desire that this study helps you grasp the deep truths within this incredible book! Please look for a chapter from this syllabus posted in upcoming issues of Hunger For Truth. We trust this will be edifying and convicting as well as a blessing and encouragement to readers. Thank you for reading. We praise God for the privilege of being able to share this study with you. May God richly bless!

The Book of Revelation / Thomas M. Strouse / “The Things Which Shall Be Hereafter” / (Rev. 4)

CHAPTER 4

(Rev. 4-22)

Background

The Apostle John was invited, in his vision, to the throne room of God, and saw the twenty-four elders, four beasts, and their worship of God involving singing and the casting of crowns before the throne.

Exposition

Rev. 4:1-11

The Invitation to Heaven (Rev. 4:1-3)

The voice associated with the trumpet and the imperative “*come up hither*” suggests that this pictures the Rapture as predicted by Paul (I Thes. 4:16-17). This heavenly invitation precedes the final section of the inspired outline (Rev. 1:19), as the promise indicates John will be shown the “*things which must be hereafter*” (*ha dei genesthai meta tauta*). The “*hereafter*” (*meta tauta*) of 4:1 fulfills the “*hereafter*” (*meta tauta*) of 1:19. The “raptured” Apostle John saw the heavenly throne and one Who sat upon it, apparently the triune God. He used precious gems to describe the brilliance of the setting.

Those in the Throne Room (Rev. 4:4-7)

After seeing the heavenly throne with God upon it, John saw twenty-four elders sitting around the throne, apparently as representatives of church age saints (since they had white raiment and golden crowns), and four beasts (*zoon*) likened unto a lion, calf, face of man, and a flying eagle.

Heavenly Worship (Rev. 4:8-11)

The apostle observed the four beasts singing the first of five recorded hymns of praise (v. 8; *vide* also 4:11; 5:9-10, 12, and 13), and the elders casting their crowns before the throne and singing the second of the hymns of praise (v. 11). The Scripture speaks of several crowns elsewhere: I Cor. 9:25; Phil. 4:1; II Tim. 4:8; Jam. 1:12; I Pet. 5:4; and Rev. 3:11.

Theological Concerns

The identity of the twenty-four elders as church age saints follows these lines of argument: 1) the rapture is exclusively for NT saints, OT saints will be resurrected following the Tribulation; 2) the white raiment indicates they have been saved; 3) the golden crown (*stephanos*) is the victor's crown, suggesting they have been judged at the Bema of Christ; 4) they were kings and priests as the Lord promised (cf. Rev. 1:6 with 5:10).

Textual Issues

Rev.4:11—CT changes to the imperfect verb *esan* (“they were”) instead of the present *eisin* (“they are”) in the TR.

Summary of Chapter Four

John's vision has as it were, revelation about the pre-Tribulation rapture and immediate presence in the throne room with God, the elders, and the beasts, depicting the next prophetic events in heaven and on earth.

Emotions in The Bible (By: Craig Glickman)

There are many verses and passages in the Bible that relate to emotions and feelings of man and our Lord Himself in trials, suffering, affliction, and of course peace and joy. The following is an ongoing study of passages that have convicted, comforted, edified, encouraged or blessed me through hearing messages, devotions and studies over the years. I hope this is a blessing and help to you and I, and that the Lord may be honored and glorified in this series of studies on emotions in the Bible. Each issue, Lord willing, will have a verse or passage in the Bible covered. I am excited and privileged to do this. Praise God! I intend to break each passage down into the following: **Passage, Emotion(s), Cause, Effect, What does the passage say?, What does the passage say to you and I?, What should you and I do about it?, How do you and I stay accountable?**

Passage: Psalm 119:105

Emotion(s): Trust, Joy, Faith, Hope, Peace, Praise, Calmness, Contentment, Conviction, Caution and Confidence

Cause: Letting His Word be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path

Effect: Joy, Holiness, godliness and a life pleasing to God

What does the passage say?: God's precious Holy Word, the Blessed Old Book is indeed a lamp unto our feet! It is indeed a light unto our path! Where would you and I be without it? Wow, what a thought! The Bible is filled with emotions. We need to allow God's word to lead us on our path. We need God's word to control all our emotions; our thoughts, actions and words. We need Him! We need the power of the Holy Spirit to help us get victory when we fail to let God's word help us in our walk and talk with Him. How often do you and I get angry at work or home when something doesn't go right, your way, or circumstances get out of control? If it is often, you and I are not allowing His word to be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. This passage isn't written just to guide our steps, but also our lips, our thoughts, all our spirit and soul. Lose yourself in God and His word. Meditate on it daily (Psalm 1:1-2). Read it when you arise in the morning, throughout the day (when possible) and when you pillow your head at night.

What does the passage say to you and I?: God's word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path that shows us where we have been (our past life before we were saved). It shows us where we should be (Obedience to His word, living a holy, Christ centered life according to His perfect will and plan for our lives). Lastly, it shows us where we will be as it talks about our home in heaven someday FREE from the effects of sin's curse! Praise God! What a joy it is to know that none can pluck us out His hands and we have so many promises of eternal life and a home in heaven! Do you and I claim and fully understand these promises? Do you and I strive to obey the principles and precepts of His Word?

What should you and I do about it?: Ask yourself these questions: 1. Am I allowing God's word to show me where I have been? (my past life before I was saved) 2. Am I allowing God's word to show me where I should be in my walk with Him? 3. Am I allowing God's word to show me where I will be? Also, on that note, think of the BEMA Seat Judgment when we will be judged for how we lived our lives for Him as believers. Will it be wood, hay and stubble...or gold, silver and precious stone?

How do you and I stay accountable?: Pray, study and stay in the word and allow God's word to guide, control and direct your emotions. This can only be done by living a life of faith and full trust and dependence on God. Dearly beloved, in closing, I am praying for all of you and covet your prayers for me. I stand in the need of prayer to allow God's word to be that lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. You and I don't want to be confused and directionless, but rather, we need the light of His word to guide our thoughts, actions and words as well as our steps to the path(s) we must travel.

Only Jesus Saves! (John 14:6)

THE HATRED OF GOD (By: M.R. DeHaan, M.D.)

The following is from M.R. DeHaan, M.D., The Tabernacle, chapter 20, "The Hatred of God." 1955:

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Because God is infinitely holy, He cannot condone the smallest sin (although there are no small sins, for all sins are great sins).

To emphasize the awfulness of sin in the sight of a holy God, we have but to go back to the first sin of the human race. You will recall the story. Adam and Eve had eaten of the fruit of the tree which God had prohibited. Now that, of course, seems in itself but a little thing. We would call it mere petty larceny, eating one fruit from a forbidden tree. In the estimate of men, and according to our moral standards, that was only a little sin. We would hardly inflict the death penalty upon an individual for taking one fruit from a tree which had been forbidden. But God did not consider it as such, for God knows nothing about 'little' sins.

Listen, friend, so great was that sin in the sight of God that He not only cursed man from the garden, imposed the penalty of death upon him and upon all his offspring, but God even cursed the entire creation, the earth, the birds, the animals, and every creature over which Adam was placed as the federal head. God did not wait until man had committed murder before He cursed him, but this so-called 'LITTLE SIN' was the occasion for God's awful penalty and judgment. Sin is never a little thing, even though men may belittle it and call it by any other name.

Has it ever struck you, as it has me, that the world has tried desperately hard to rid itself of even the very mention of the word sin? It has almost entirely disappeared from the world's vocabulary. We can pick up our newspaper or magazine and read all the accounts of violence and atrocity and murder and

dishonesty, but seldom are these things called 'sin.' Writers talk about crime and violence and death and murder and immorality, but the word SIN is carefully avoided.

Now all of this becomes very significant, for we believe it to be an attempt, consciously or unconsciously, to get rid of the idea of sin. But sin is still sin, and until there is a revival of preaching against sin in all of its awfulness, as a filthy damning rebellion against God, which it is there cannot be a revival, but the world will continue getting worse and more rotten and more sinful than ever.

By the grace of God, we, therefore, shall lift our voice against sin, not merely as a human weakness, not merely as the mistakes of a race trying to climb upward by evolutionary processes, but as that vicious, selfish, filthy thing which lies at the basis and root of all of man's troubles and trials, and which is a rebellion against a thrice-holy God, which must result in the punishment of the sinner in an eternal hell, unless it is taken care of by the blood atonement of the Son of God. That is why we preach on the subject of the blood, the only God-given remedy for sin.

Failure to realize the true, awful nature of sin lies also at the root of man's denial of eternal punishment. Man revolts at the idea that a loving God will punish His creature in an eternal hell. Modern preachers love to tell us that God is love, and that He will do no such thing at all; but all such talk is silenced immediately when we get a true picture of these two things: GOD'S HOLINESS, and the AWFULNESS OF SIN.

Sin is not a little thing. We repeat it without apology. It is the cause of every sorrow in the world. It blights lives, breaks homes, kills children, beclouds reason, slays the body, and damns the soul.

See its effect in the home. , the one place that was designed and patterned after the family of heaven, with Father, Son and Holy Spirit in perfect love and accord. And yet the home has become the scene of the greatest battles in the world. In the home, because of sin, more hearts are broken, more tears are shed than anywhere else.

Sin has permeated the business world. Think of the crookedness, the exploiting of the poor, the graft, the hypocrisy, the ravenous competition, the cut-throat methods, the greed of those who by the sweat and blood and toil of others amass their polluted fortunes, only that they themselves may plunge the deeper into sin.

Think of what sin has done to the family of the nations. We remember the indescribable, horrible conflicts of recent memory, when the whole world of nations engaged in the most awful conflict of all history. Think of the plight of the nations today, their national bankruptcy, insecurity and division, the starving widows and orphans, the cries of the wounded and dying, the hunger and the cold and starvation, as the result of war, and we can explain it all by only one single word, S-I-N. ...

But let us make this thing more personal. Go with me to yonder hospital, and listen for just a moment to the cries and moans of the sick and the suffering, and you will hear just one word in the background, SINS. See the red eyes wet with tears, and think of the bleeding hearts behind those tears as they carry that loved one away.

Go with me to yonder prison and see the young lives blighted and shriveled with sin, caged up like wild animals, and again we hear the whisper in the background--SIN.

Follow me now to yonder asylum, and listen to the unintelligible jargon of those poor, pitiable souls

with their aberated reason and deranged minds, probably because of an act committed by their grandfather when he had his fling, and the very walls seem to whisper the word, SIN, S-I-N.

But leave the confusion of the hospital and the cursing of the prison, and slip with me into the night to yonder home where lights are still lit early in the morning. See that sobbing mother as she stoops over a little crib where lies, cold and pale, that little darling, who only a little while ago was vibrant with joy, its little body throbbing and pulsating with unrestrained life. And now there it lies in the chill stillness of death. And again we hear the word in the background, SIN, for 'the wages of sin is death.'

But hush! Go with me now in the gloaming, and follow that man and the little flaxen-haired maiden at his side, as they silently wen their way through the sighing pines along the little gravel path among the city of the dead, until they reach a fresh little mound of earth; and there, tenderly placing a little bunch of fading flowers upon that grave, and watering them with scalding tears, they turn away to the loneliness and the bleakness of their little home, where mother's voice will never be heard again.

Ah, yes, all these experiences cry aloud one single message which cannot be forgotten: 'The wages of sin is death.'

I challenge you to give me any other reasonable explanation for all of the misery and heartache and suffering in this old world.

But the result of sin does not even end at the grave. According to the Word of God, the penalty of sin goes on into eternity because sin is a transgression, not only against society or an individual, but against a holy, infinitely holy God. To the sinner who dies without accepting God's atonement, God's only remedy for sin, there awaits in addition, the prospect of an eternal hell. I do not care to describe or dwell upon the awful fact of hell, and the Bible picture of the abode of the lost, except to say that Jesus, the gentle Saviour, pictures it as a place of outer darkness where the fire is never quenched and the worm never dies.

Ah, but someone says, that preacher is altogether too dramatic in his depiction of this subject. Dramatic? Dramatic? Is not the whole history of mankind a drama? To be born, to oil, to seep, to laugh, to rejoice, to mourn, to become old, to die, what is this but a great drama of reality?

But if any of you are inclined to think me too dramatic, then come with me to Calvary, and I will give you God's dramatic picture of the awfulness of sin. What does God think of sin? The answer is Calvary, for there you see the PRICE OF SIN that God demanded. Calvary is to me the most awful, the most conclusive proof of the gravity of sin. See what it took to pay the penalty. God hates sin with an indescribable hatred, and Calvary reveals not only God's love for the sinner, but back of that, His hatred for sin. It must be fully paid. And so, nineteen hundred years ago God sent into the world His Son, the Lord Jesus, to PAY FOR OUR SIN. Calvary is, therefore, more than a picture of God's love. It is a picture of sin, for without sin there would never have been a Calvary. ...

The only thing Jesus ever was afraid of was sin, and so He asks the Father, 'Let this cup pass from me.' Must I drink that awful thing? And God seems to answer, 'No, no, My Son, You do not have to, but if You don't, then all the others will be lost. The only way that sinners can be saved is for You to take their sin upon Yourself, and carry it to the Cross, for sin must be atoned for. There is no other way.'

And so with the picture of the lost world before Him, and the realization of what sin had brought about, He lifts that reeking, stench-filled cup of the world's sin, that we might be saved. ...

It is a tremendous commentary on the righteousness of God, and the awfulness of sin.

‘He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all...’ (Rom. 8:32).

What a remarkable statement! Why could not God have spared not His own Son? Because that Son had taken our sin upon Himself, and after God had laid upon Jesus our sin, even God the Father could not spare His own Son. How God, therefore, must hate sin, and this hatred for sin by a Holy God becomes the necessity for the atonement by blood. Sin must be punished, even though it be God’s own Son, for He ‘became sin for us, who knew no sin.’

Sinner, how do you expect to escape? How do you expect God to spare you if you refuse God’s atonement for sin, and insist upon standing before a holy God without having had your sin taken care of by another.

:) Children For Christ :)

Godly Speech

Memory Verse: Psalm 34:13 – Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

Talking in a way that pleases God and others is very important! Please fill in the blank of these verses regarding your speech:

1. Keep thy _____ from evil, and thy _____ from speaking guile. – Psalms 34:13
2. Whoso keepeth his _____ and his _____ keepeth his soul from troubles. – Proverbs 21:23
3. There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the _____ of the wise is _____. – Proverbs 12:18
4. A soft _____ turneth away wrath: but grievous _____ stir up _____. – Proverbs 15:1
5. The _____ of the righteous studieth to _____: but the _____ of the wicked poureth out evil things. – Proverbs 15:28
6. A fool uttereth all his mind: but a _____ man keepeth it in till _____. – Proverbs 29:11
7. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your _____, but that which is _____ to the use of edifying, that it may minister _____ unto the _____. – Ephesians 4:29
8. Let your _____ be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye _____ to answer every man. – Colossians 4:6
9. A _____ fitly spoken is like of apples of gold in pictures of silver. – Proverbs 25:11

Finally, please take time to study and memorize these verses with your family.

“The Lord Jesus was a true man. Blood flowed in His veins. But what blood! Not a drop of Joseph’s blood flowed in Jesus’ veins, for Joseph was only His foster father, and Jesus was in his family only by adoption. There was no drop of Mary’s blood in His veins either; the blood that flows through the veins and arteries of a babe still in its mother’s womb is not its mother’s blood. It is the baby’s own blood. Only after the embryo has been impregnated does the baby’s blood--like any other cell in the body--begin to develop. ... the blood type of the Lord Jesus was like no other. It was the blood of an absolutely unique, completely sinless Person, blood rare beyond all imagining. The Holy Spirit calls it ‘precious blood’ (John Phillips, commentary on 1 John).

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“The most marked characteristic of the trinitarian relationships is the presence of an eternal and inherent expression of authority and submission. Both authority and submission are good, for both are expressive of God himself. This principle is about as countercultural as we can imagine. ... We must learn to embrace what is eternally true in God, and this means, among other things, embracing rightful authority and rightful submissions. If our homes and our churches are truly to be countercultural, we need to exhibit a wholehearted, healthy respect for authority” (Bruce Ware, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Kindle location 1935).

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“Calculate just 3 sins a day for a 14 year lifetime! That equals 15,000 sins against God!! Have you trusted Jesus Christ to save you from all your sin and give you eternal life? (Rom. 6:23, John 3:16)”

Prayer Requests

- Salvation and needs of those affected by the tragedy in Boston, MA on April 15th 2013
- Salvation of Brother Andrew Lacroix's family
- Salvation of Wendy and friend Ben, Jacob, Kaitlyn, Sybil and Bernice (Family of Craig Glickman)

Praises

- Praise God for the 6/10 closing on the new building for Heritage Baptist Church which is located in the center of downtown Norwood!!
- Praise God for new employment for Bro. Lacroix!!

Prayer Requests

- Job and living situation needs for Bro. Craig and Andrew
- Wisdom regarding the new location for Heritage Baptist Church
- Sherrie (Sister of Bro. Craig's Fiancee Tash) (Lymph Nodes) (Heart issues)
- Wedding for Bro. Craig and Sister Tash on May 2, 2015
- Abby Lafreniere (ALS) (Wife of Pastor John Lafreniere, church planter to Fairfield, CT)
- Dr. Michael Thompson (Member of Heritage Baptist Church of Norwood, MA) (Brain cancer)
- Pastor Gary Freeman (Race Street Baptist Church in Catasauqua, PA) who is battling colon cancer.
- Needs of New Hope Baptist Church of Lynn, MA
- Needs of Chester Baptist Church of Chester, MA
- Missionary Tim Hawes (To Papua New Guinea) (Church Planting, Bible Translation, Agricultural Development)
- Brother Bill Moore of Heritage Baptist Church (Health needs)
- Those affected by the Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines
- The condition of this nation following the abomination that has occurred with the DOMA decision.
- Needs of the body of Heritage Baptist Church

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Thank you for reading this. We praise God for all our dear brothers and sisters in Christ and we greatly appreciate your prayers. May each and every one of you be richly blessed as we serve our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

His Servants,

Craig Glickman Andrew Lacroix

Prov. 3:5-6 1 Thes. 5:18

