

# The One Who Is Worthy

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## TODAY'S TEXT

“After this I looked, and there in heaven **a door stood open!** ... ‘You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, **for you created all things**, and by your will they existed and were created.’”

— Revelation 4:1, 11

## BIG IDEA

Coming straight out of Laodicea — where Jesus is locked outside knocking — John looks up and sees **a door in heaven that has always been open**. Even when we shut God out, He does not shut us out. And on the other side of that door is the **standard** by which we are meant to live now: a throne room where chaos is already calm, and the One on the throne is **the only One who is worthy**.

## KEY TRUTH

Every earthly authority — empire, corporation, nation, Caesar — derives its claim from something *external*: lineage, elections, force, or claimed divine mandate. **The One seated on the throne seats Himself**. His sovereignty is intrinsic, eternal, and unsundered. Every system that demands our ultimate devotion is claiming what belongs only to Him.

## THE THRONE ROOM — FOUR CONCENTRIC CIRCLES

RING	WHAT JOHN SEES	WHAT IT MEANS
1. CENTER	The throne, and One seated on it — like jasper and carnelian.	<b>Self-sovereign. Intrinsic. Eternal. “Who was, and is, and is to come.”</b>
2. RAINBOW	An emerald rainbow encircles the throne. (Gen 9 — Noahic covenant.)	<b>Before anything else, mercy. God promises preservation — He is not in the business of destruction.</b>
3. COURT	24 elders crowned · 7 lamps of fire · sea of glass like crystal.	<b>All God’s people (12+12), the fullness of the Spirit, and chaos itself — stilled into a footstool.</b>
4. WORSHIP	Four living creatures cry “Holy, holy, holy.” Elders cast crowns down.	<b>Creation leads worship. All human authority is derivative — received from God, returned to God.</b>

## DEFINE THIS

**Intrinsic Sovereignty** — authority that needs no external validation. God does not defend His throne; it is simply His. Every Caesar, every empire, every modern state claims authority that was *granted* — by lineage, vote, or force. Only the One in Revelation 4 reigns by His own being. He was, and is, and is to come.

## QUOTE TO REMEMBER

“The God who sits on this throne has not just made peace with the chaos. **He has made the chaos His footstool.**”

## TAKE IT HOME — REFLECTION

- What are you most anxious about right now — and what does that anxiety reveal about where you are actually looking for ultimate sovereignty?
- If the elders cast their crowns down, what “crown” in my life am I still holding onto — a role, a title, a possession, a reputation — that I have not yet laid before the throne?
- Where am I tempted to give my total devotion (my praise, my time, my fear) to a system, a leader, or a comfort that did not create me and cannot save me?

## MY NOTES