Encountering God’s Love

John 13:23 John 19:26 John 20:2 John 21:7 John 21:20

John knew he was God’s favorite~ loved and enjoyed by God. John wasn’t being prideful in this, he had personal revelation of who he was. We are created by God who enjoys LOVING US!

John 17:24 is the groan of Jesus’ heart~ His desire is to have us with Him where He is.

Our confession: I am God’s favorite. He like me. He enjoys my company. He likes me as a friend. He enjoys the thought of having me rule with Him.

We need revelation of who we are because we know who God is….John received his revelation when he walked through a door standing open in heaven. His encounter with Jesus while John was on the island of Patmos changed his vision/paradigm for living. There are over 100 descriptions of Jesus in the book of Revelation.

Revelation 4 is the description of the throne room in heaven~ Jesus shows John the beauty realm of God. This encounter marked John.

John was shown a **door standing open in heaven** and he was taken up to get aligned with heaven…..and that door is never closed. Abraham encountered God; Jacob had heavenly encounter; Moses encountered God; Ezekiel had encounters; Isaiah had an encounter with the Lord; Peter, James & John encountered Jesus being changed before their eyes; Paul encountered Jesus…we are called to be seated in heavenly places….let’s walk through the door.

1. **The beauty of God’s person** (vs. 3)
2. He is enthroned in the center of the universe; He is absolutely in control; God is always seated on the throne~ enthroned in sovereignty; the seat of absolute power & authority over all
3. Clothed in light and beauty (jasper=1st stone in the breastplate & carnelian=last stone in the breastplate) Exodus 28:17-21~ He carries our name to the throne room; city wall in the New Jerusalem is made of Jasper and the 1st foundation in the city is Jasper.
4. His love is seen as the throne is surrounded by a rainbow (a sign of His covenant to mankind). He carries the love He has for us with Him upon the throne.
5. **The beauty of God’s partners**~ leadership in heaven (vs. 4)
6. He is surrounded by 24 elders wearing crowns (represents authority); dressed in the clothing of the priests
7. The Church is partnering with God in leadership; we are to rule and reign because of whose we are (Revelation 5:10)
8. In David’s tabernacle, 24 Levites and priests served God
9. Isaiah was called by God to partner with Him to move a people closer to God’s presence
10. Ephesians 2:6 “*And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus*.”
11. Colossians 3:1-2 “*Since then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things*.”
12. Exodus 19:5 & 1 Peter 2:9
13. Revelation 5:10 & 21:24
14. **The beauty of God’s power** (vs. 5)
15. Manifestations of His power is seen~ lightning, thunder & voices ; there is activity coming from the throne; He imparts His power to His people
16. Exodus 19:16-19 ~ Lightning & thunder on the mountain; thick cloud over the mountain & a very loud trumpet blast…covered in smoke because the Lord descended upon it in fire; the whole mountain trembled violently and the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder……
17. God’s power released to His people~ from the place of His presence & Glory
18. **The beauty of God’s presence** (vs. 5b-7)
19. Flames of lamps burning manifestation of God’s presence; His passion & fire
20. Seraphim/Living Creatures (the “burning ones”); they live near to the Lord; have 6 wings and covered with eyes (watching to serve Him); each one of the Gospels describes Jesus this way (each one of these creatures look like Jesus)
21. 1st living creature was like a **lion**~ Matthew portrays Jesus as King of the Jews; Messiah
22. 2nd living creature was like an **ox**~ Mark portrays Jesus as a servant
23. 3rd living creature was like a **man**~ Luke portrays Jesus as the son of Adam
24. 4th living creature was like a **flying eagle**~ John speaks of Jesus with a heavenly origin
25. Sea of glass~ purity; clear as crystal; cleansed and pure; like a mirror reflecting Jesus

The response of those in the throne room ~ PRAISE! (Rev. 4:8b-11)

* Continuous praise; uninterrupted
* God is infinitely superior to everything and the elders and the Living Creatures offer thanksgiving “*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!*” You have transcendent beauty!!
* Proclaiming God’s glorious nature and character