

Heavenward Bound

The Throne of God

How often do you
think of heaven?

When you think of heaven
what comes to mind?

“a **throne** was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the **throne**”

And 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.

Around 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.

The scene in Heaven

Out 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;

and 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.

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

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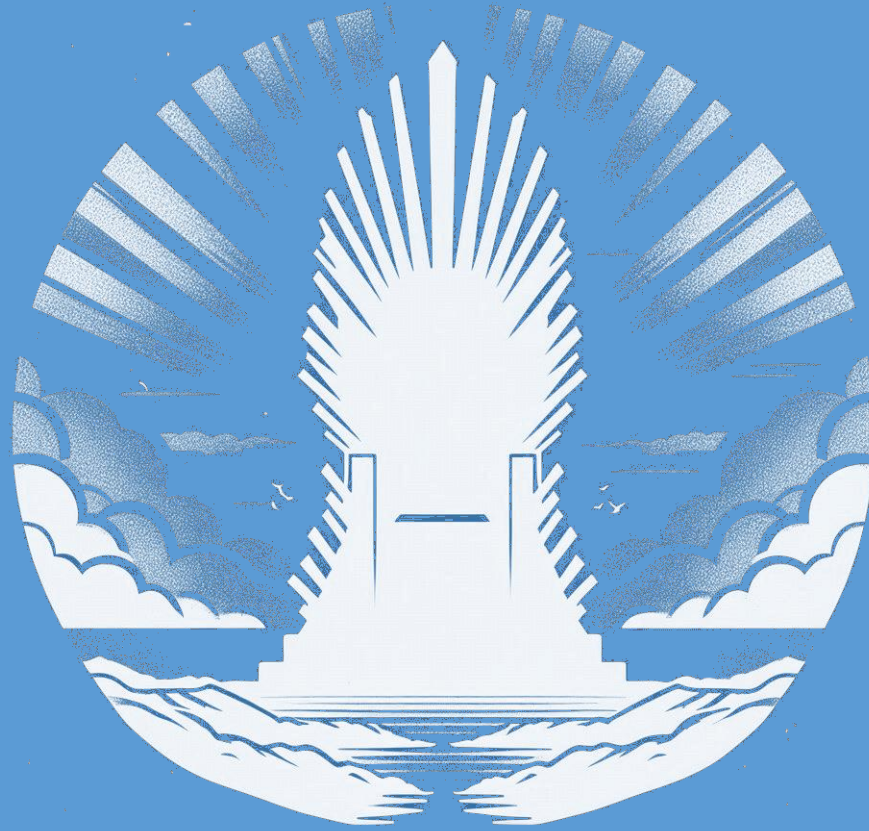
the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the **throne**, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the **throne**, saying,

And I saw between the **throne** (with the four living creatures) and the elders a **Lamb** standing,

..around the **throne** and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,

And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, “To Him who sits on the **throne**, and to the Lamb, *be* blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.”

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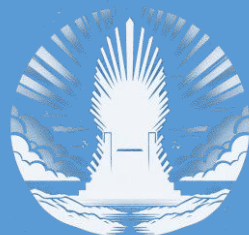
**God and His Son are at the center of
Heaven.**

Everything comes out from Them.

Everything revolves around Them.

All praise is given to Them.

**Heaven is about the One(s)
seated on the throne**



**What does
God gain?**

**What do I
gain?**

Why does God offer us heaven?

What has God always wanted?

You

- God tabernacled with man in the garden - Genesis 3:8-10
- God tabernacled with man in the wilderness – Exodus 40:34-38
- God tabernacled with man in the promised land – 1 Kings 8:10-11
- God tabernacled with man in Christ – Matthew 1:23/John 1:14
- God tabernacled within man through the Spirit – Romans 8:9-11

What God has desired isn't just people. But a people that would, with their freewill, **choose Him.**

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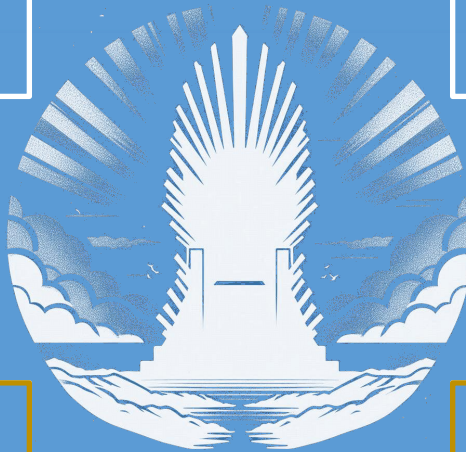
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Blessed are those **who wash
their robes**, so that they may
have the right to the tree of
life and may enter the city by
the gates.

