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What the Seraphs Know April 22, 2018 Revelation 4:1-11

“Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,’ who was, and is, and is to come” (Revelation 4:8).

Both the Old Testament and the New Testament give us a glimpse into heaven. When the prophet Isaiah saw the Lord sitting on a throne he wrote: “Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory’” (Isaiah 6:2-3). When the apostle John saw and described the throne of God, he also described these seraphs and added the detail that they had eyes all around and even under their wings. Neither Isaiah nor John describe God’s appearance; therefore, no one can make a true physical representation of God to worship. The seraphs could see God, all of God’s creation, and even within themselves, and they proclaimed God’s moral qualities. Repeatedly, they declare three times in succession, before repeating themselves, that God is holy. Some interpret this to mean God the Father is holy, Jesus the Son is holy, and the Holy Spirit is Holy. God is morally pure, good, true, loving, just, merciful, and always does what is right. God always uses His almighty power and authority over all in good and loving ways. And though our world is no longer as God created it, it is still full of His glory. Finally, Jesus Christ is the One “who was, and is, and is to come.”

Thinking Further

1. How did John get before the throne of God?
2. Would someone reading John be able to draw a picture of God? Why or why not?
3. In addition to the throne of God, what beings did John see?
4. How did John describe these beings?
5. What were these beings doing?

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