

Revelation 4:10 – “The twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: ‘You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.’”

#### PRAYER AS TRIBUTE

The twenty-four elders represent the raptured church. John’s vision of the heavenly throne room sees the saints of this age after the Judgment Seat of Christ. How do we know this? They wore white robes. They were on thrones. They wore crowns. They were ready to reign with Christ. When the living creatures (cherubim) attributed holiness to God the Father (4:8), God the Son (5:6), and the Holy spirit (5:6), the saints before the throne fell down before the Trinity in extravagant worship. They worshipped the One who lives forever and ever by casting their crowns before His throne. They worshipped Him for his glory and honor and power. They worshipped Him for creating all things. This was a unified act of spontaneous appreciation to the Almighty Three-in-One. If that is how worship looks in Heaven, shouldn’t it be our model? If we, his creatures, believe He is powerful, glorious, and honorable; if we believe He is holy, shouldn’t we cast all we have before Him and prostrate ourselves in awe and reverence before the Judge of all the earth? When Isaiah saw this God, he cried out “Woe is me, for I am undone.” When Moses saw Him, he fell on his face for 40 days and nights. Could it be, this is what is missing more than anything in our lives, in our homes, and in our churches? It is not a coincidence that true revival brings this same awe of God’s holy presence. When Paul saw Jesus, he fell to the ground. I don’t do well on my knees. They have almost 84 years of wear and tear (literally torn Cartlidge). But, I made up my mind that I am going to bypass the knees and go flat before my Lord. I am His creation. I am His child. Everything I have comes from Him. All that I am is because of Him. All that I ever will be is because of Him. Everything on earth is because of Him. Everything in Heaven will be because of Him. Andre Crouch composed a song called “My Tribute.” I want my worship to be my tribute to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit for including me in His creation and His cross. “How can I say thanks for all the things You’ve done for me? Things so undeserved, yet You gave to prove Your love to me. The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude. All that I am and ever hope to be, I owe it all to Thee.”