

JULY 11

“EVERYTHING IS ABOUT GOD. IT’S NOT ABOUT US.”

READ

Revelation 4

By the number of times the word “throne” is used, it’s apparent that this passage is about some powerful being. This is about God. God sits on His throne and from there He rules the universe. He does whatever He pleases. He does not consult with any man and He does not rule for my pleasure or yours. Everything is about God. It’s not about us. From His throne, God directs, controls, and orders everything. But we have reversed it. We American Christians think it’s about us, that God exists for us. Instead of God creating us for His pleasure, we have created God for our pleasure. We have redefined and restructured God so that He is like us, so that He can meet our needs. We become the center of the universe, and God is there to help us and to move at our behest. Wrong. This is not about you. It is around His throne that everything revolves. From His throne flows mercy and grace. If it were not for His grace, we would still be dead in our trespasses and sins. Christ bled and died so that we could know who God really is, so we could serve Him — not so He could serve us.

PRAY

Heavenly Father, Creator of all things, my Creator. I humble myself in Your sight. You take no pleasure in burnt offerings. The sacrifices of God are a broken and contrite heart. I bow before Your throne.

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