

## I. What Must Take Place

### a. The Situation Room of Warfare

1. The map and the symbols: The flags, toy soldiers, tanks,
2. Often a change in symbol means something has changed
3. In Revelation, the plans have been drawn up
4. There will be no surprises by the enemy. The enemy has been defeated
5. John writes the churches to encourage them about this reality

## II. God the Father: His Description

### a. Notice God the Father is described in symbolism, not by physical characteristics

1. He is on a **throne**, symbolizing dominion and power
2. Described in objects of beauty: Jasper, red ruby, A rainbow of emerald
3. No man can see God and Live (**Exodus 33:20; 1 Timothy 6:6**)
4. The Book *The Shack* undermines this reality
5. We **will see** God Face to Face (**Psalm 42:1-2; Matthew 5:8; Revelation 22:3-4**)

### b. The 24 elders show His holiness

1. The Various Views: The Raptured Church, the 12 Tribes and Apostles, angels)
2. **My Preference: Revelation 21:9-14;**
3. White garments speak of purity, cleanliness, & righteousness before God
4. The Golden Crowns indicate worthiness to be in His presence

### c. His Power

1. Lightning and Thunder reverential awe and fear (**Exodus 19:16**)
2. The 7 torches before His Throne represent His complete Spirit that fills the earth
3. The Sea of Glass symbolizes the subjection of the seas
4. The seas and I Israelites have a history (Moses, Jonah, the disciples)

## III. God the Father: He Must be Worshipped

### a. The 4 Living Creatures: The seraphim, a class of angels

1. 4 faces, lion, ox, man, eagle
2. Six wings: 2 cover face, two cover feet, two used to fly (**Isaiah 6:1-2**)
3. Their Job: To continuously praise Him (Day and Night)

**b. The twenty-four elders**

1. Respond to the seraphim by paying homage
2. They cast their crowns
3. They worship and Praise Him

**Creatures:** Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come!”

**Elders:** Worthy are you, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed and were created.”

- c. **Remember:** This is an encouragement to the churches: God is in Control; He is bigger than life, and He is being paid homage on the throne! **The churches may see Caesar on the throne and facing persecution; but God is on the Big throne.** This is an encouragement to everyone who is suffering.

**IV. The Problem we have**

**a. God’s people don’t think of Him in terms of His complete utmost majesty!**

1. The Vending Machine
2. The Rules Guy
3. The Punisher

**b. These Perceptions affect how we worship Him**

1. We worship according to our mood
2. We worship Him shallowly
3. We worship Him Inconsistently
4. We don’t worship Him

**c. Some are Angry at God! Illustration: Adam at Burger King**

1. Adam at Burger King
2. Others have suffered tragedy
3. Other’s don’t think He cares

**V. How To View Him rightly**

- a. Understand there is a war going on for your soul in the heavens
- b. God sits on the throne and is on your side: The Plan is already in action
- c. Train yourself to call Him Father
- d. Expand your perception of God