

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

REVELATION 4



REVELATION 4:1 (NIV)

After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.”





REVELATION 4:2 (NIV)

At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it.





There is no panic in
Heaven! God has no
problems, only plans.

Corrie ten Boom

REVELATION 4:4 (NIV)

Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads.





Kent Beshore



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REVELATION 4:6b-7 (NIV)

In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle.



REVELATION 4:5-6a (NIV)

From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

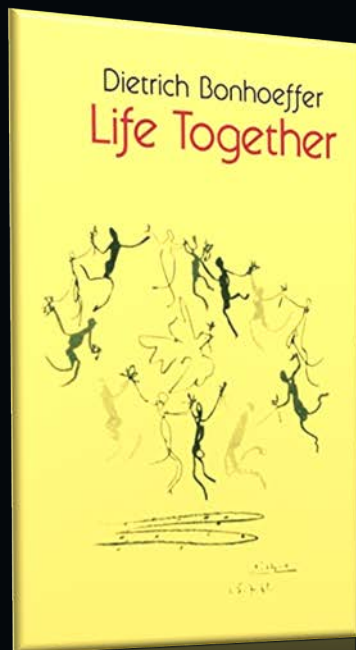




REVELATION 4:8b (NIV)

Day and night they never stop saying:
“**Holy, holy, holy** is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.”





Why is it often easier for us to acknowledge our sins before God than before another believer? God is holy and without sin, a just judge of evil, and an enemy of all disobedience. But another Christian is sinful, as are we, knowing from personal experience the night of secret sin. Should we not find it easier to go to one another than to the holy God? But if that is not the case, we must ask ourselves whether we often have not been deluding ourselves about our confession of sin to God—whether we have not instead been confessing our sins to ourselves and also forgiving ourselves.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*