

## PRAYER LESSON 130

### Imaging God in Prayer

When you pray, do you try to image God, do you try to picture him as you pray? Since God is a spirit, it is difficult for us to picture him. However, Jesus had an answer for us as to what God might be like. He said in John 14:9, **Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.** When you read the gospels, you get a picture of Jesus and every characteristic of Jesus is a characteristic of the Father. Remember they are One.

There are a number of people in the Bible who had the wonderful privilege of looking into heaven and each of them saw basically the same thing. We find one of those images in Acts 7:56 where Stephen gets a glimpse into heaven as he is being stoned to death. He says, **"Look, I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."** This is the image I keep in my mind as I pray.

The most complete description of heaven is found in John's Revelation chapter 4. John begins his view into heaven by seeing an open door and through the door he sees a throne and on the throne is one who he describes as looking like precious gems and there's a rainbow made of emeralds over the throne. Twenty-four elders and four rather odd looking creatures surround the throne giving non-stop praise to the one on the throne and all this is accompanied by lightning and thunder. Then in the next chapter he says there are millions of angels around the throne praising the Father and the Son.

So, there you have it, an image of God in heaven, the God you pray to. The Father on his throne with Jesus standing next to him surrounded by an unimaginable crowd of creatures praising him non-stop. With this picture in our minds we hear this call from Revelation 22:17 **The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come.**

The Father is on his throne, the throne room door is open, the Father beckons you to come in. So, go to him in prayer at any time or in any place, he is waiting for you to come.