

The Prostrate Prophet

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Ezekiel 1:22-2:2

When Ezekiel caught a glimpse of "the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD," he "fell facedown" (v. 28). This is a typical response of those in the Bible who encounter the presence of God. John gives us a similar scene in Revelation 4. John describes God's throne surrounded by 24 lesser thrones, an elder is seated on each one. Four living creatures continually cry out "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come" (Revelation 4:8). The elders in response fall down and lay their crowns before the throne (v. 10). They then begin to proclaim God worthy "to receive glory and honor and praise" (v. 11).

Ezekiel does not remain prostrate, however. God commands him to stand to his feet; even sending His Spirit to raise the prophet up. There was a mission to be done. God not only gave the command, but He enabled Ezekiel's obedience.

Today, wherever His Word is received God empowers His people, by His Spirit, to accomplish His will.

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