

Study Guide: The Rainbow and the Glory of God

This study guide is designed for families and Bible study groups to explore the spiritual significance of the rainbow surrounding the throne of God, the nature of divine glory, and the concept of spiritual "auras" as described in the provided text.

Discussion and Thought-Provoking Questions

The Covenant and the Throne

1. **Connecting the Testaments:** Revelation 4:3 describes a rainbow encircling the throne of God. How does the text link this celestial image to the covenant made with Noah in Genesis 9:11-17?
2. **The Ownership of the Rainbow:** In Genesis, God refers to the rainbow as "My rainbow." Based on the source, is the rainbow an ornamental aspect of the throne, or is it an aspect of God Himself?
3. **The Significance of Green:** John describes the rainbow as having the appearance of an emerald. What does the color green symbolize throughout the Bible, and what specific spiritual entity might it represent in the context of the Seven Spirits of God?

The Nature of Divine Glory and "Auras"

1. **Auras vs. Glory:** The document explores the idea that what New Age parapsychologists call "auras" may be rooted in the spiritual truth of "glory." How does the text define these emanations in relation to being made in the image of God?
2. **The Condition of the Soul:** Based on the experience of Neville Johnson, how do the colors emanating from a person reflect their internal state? Consider the implications of how emotions like anger, greed, or depression might manifest spiritually.
3. **Spiritual Vulnerability:** According to the text, how do demonic beings use these emanations to target individuals for temptation?

Biblical Examples of Emanated Glory

1. **The Recognition of Jesus:** Why were demons and Satan able to immediately identify Jesus as the "Holy One of God" when many people around Him could not?

2. **The Transformation of Moses:** After forty days on Mount Sinai, Moses' face was "ablaze with light." How does the text explain this physical transformation in relation to God's presence?
3. **The Transfiguration:** How does the account of the Transfiguration in Matthew 17:2 provide a glimpse into the true "aura" or glory of Jesus?
4. **The Healing Power of Peter:** The Book of Acts mentions people seeking Peter's shadow for healing. What alternative explanation does the document provide for this phenomenon?

Quiz

Part 1: Multiple Choice

1. **Which gemstone is used in Revelation 4:3 to describe the appearance of the rainbow around the throne?**
 - A) Ruby
 - B) Sapphire
 - C) Emerald
 - D) Diamond
2. **According to the text, what is the central color of the seven colors of the rainbow?**
 - A) Red
 - B) Yellow
 - C) Green
 - D) Violet
3. **In the experience of Neville Johnson, what did the colors emanating from people indicate?**
 - A) Their physical health
 - B) The condition of their souls
 - C) Their future destiny
 - D) Their social status

4. Which prophet described the glory of the Lord as a "glowing halo, like a rainbow shining in the clouds"?

- A) Isaiah
- B) Jeremiah
- C) Ezekiel
- D) Daniel

Part 2: Short Answer

1. What was the specific description given by the ghostwriter for Shirley MacLaine regarding John Paul Jackson's aura?
2. According to Revelation 9:4, what were the locusts commanded **not** to hurt?
3. What three things do devils recognize emanating from humans that help them know how to tempt us?

Answer Key

Part 1: Multiple Choice

1. **C) Emerald.** (Revelation 4:3)
2. **C) Green.** The text identifies green as the center color of the seven colors of the rainbow.
3. **B) The condition of their souls.** The colors changed based on whether a person was angry, depressed, greedy, or lustful.
4. **C) Ezekiel.** (Ezekiel 1:26-28)

Part 2: Short Answer

1. **A bright white light.** The man described it as very different from the dull or muted auras he usually saw around people.
2. **Any green thing.** This reinforces green as the color of life.
3. **Colors, aromas, and sound vibrations.** These emanations make it obvious to spirits when a person is giving in to sinful thoughts.

Glossary of Key Terms and Concepts

Term	Definition and Context
Aura / Energy Field	A field of color or light described by parapsychologists as emanating from individuals; the text suggests this may be the spiritual "glory" humans carry as beings made in God's image.
Emerald	A green gemstone; used in Revelation to describe the dominant appearance of the rainbow around God's throne.
Glory	The radiance or "weight" of God's presence. The text uses this term as a more accurate biblical description for what some call an "aura."
Jasper and Sardius	Gemstones used to describe the appearance of the One sitting on the throne in Revelation 4:3.
Seven Spirits of God	Based on Isaiah 11:2, these include the Spirit of the Lord, Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Might, Knowledge, and the Fear of the Lord.
Spirit of the Lord	Represented by the color green; believed to be the dominant Spirit reflected in the emerald rainbow around the throne.
Token of the Covenant	The rainbow, established in Genesis 9 as a visible symbol and memorial of God's promise to never again destroy the earth with a flood.
Transfiguration	The event where Jesus' appearance changed, His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light, revealing His divine glory to Peter, James, and John.