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Sanctifying His Church

Lesson 11 • Revelation 1:9-20

The EXALTED LORD JESUS CHRIST in HIS ASCENSION						
GLORIFICATION	SESSION	PROCESSION	INTERCESSION	DIRECTION	PREPARATION	CONSECRATION
Final Adam Shines in God's Presence	Eternal King Sits at His Right Hand	Pivotal Prophet Sends the Holy Spirit	Royal Priest Saves to the Uttermost	Sacrificial Head Shepherds the Church	Exceptional Host Secures Our Home	Essential Judge Sanctifies His Churches
The Glorified God-Man ...		Fulfills the Three Offices of Messiah ...			in the Mystery of the Church!	

Ascension Question

How Does Distance **DISTORT** Our Perception of Who Jesus Is Right Now?

Generic "God"? Jesus "Only"? Spirit "Is Everything"? "Down to Earth" Jesus? "Pre-Ascended" Jesus?

The Ascended Lord is not only the Prophet, Priest, and King but also the **JUDGE**.

Revelation 1:9-20

A Vision to Change Our Perception of the Ascended Jesus

1. See His **SUPREME** Position.

"Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man," (vv. 12-13a)

"...the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands," (2:1)

- His supreme **PURPOSE** for His local churches.
 - **Lampstands** represent the *purpose* of local churches to bring & bear the Light.
 - **Seven** represents the *completeness* to represent all churches in all ages.
 - **Gold** represents the precious value of the local church to Christ.
- His supreme **PRESENCE** in the middle of His local churches.
 - **One like a Son of Man** (Daniel 7:13-14)
 - **in the midst** (v. 20)



2. See His **SOVEREIGN** Clothing.

"...clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash." (v. 13b)

- The Robe and Sash: The great **AUTHORITY** of prophets, priests, and kings who judge God's people.
- Down to the Feet: Christ has all-authority to **JUDGE** His church.

3. See His **SINLESS** Character.

"His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow;" (v. 14)

- His **RIGHTEOUS** sinlessness and white-hot holiness. (*Daniel 7:9, "the Ancient of Days" on His throne!*)
- His **REASONABLE** judgment and mercy toward for the purity of His church. (*Isaiah 1:18-19*)
- His **REQUIREMENT** for His people and churches to be holy as He is holy! (*1 Peter 1:15-16*)

4. See His **SEARCHING** Gaze.

"...and His eyes were like a flame of fire." (v. 14; 19:12)

- His gaze is **PENETRATING** like an x-ray and **PURIFYING** like a fire.

5. See His **SMOLDERING** Judgment.

"His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace..." (v. 15; 3:18)

- He stands ready to judge with a **BURNING** zeal to purify our lives.

6. See His **STRONG** Voice

"...and His voice was like the sound of many waters." (v. 15; 2:16; 19:15)

- His spoken words have the all-powerful **ABILITY** to accomplish God's will.

7. See His **SPIRITUAL** Leaders

"In His right hand He held seven stars..." (v. 16, 20)

- Seven Stars: *The seven "angels" sent to deliver the seven letters to the seven churches.*
- Held in His Right Hand: *The delegated authority, strict accountability, and special protection of pastor-teachers.*

8. See His **SEVERE** Discipline

"...and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword;" (v. 16)

- The Two-Edged Sword Out His mouth: *His spoken Word cleanses repenters but condemns rebels.*

9. See His **SHINING** Glory

"...and His face was like the sun shining in its strength." (v. 16)

"For it is time for judgment to BEGIN with the household of God; and if it begins with us FIRST, what will be the OUTCOME for those who DO NOT OBEY the gospel of God? And if it is with DIFFICULTY that the RIGHTEOUS is SAVED, what will BECOME of the godless man and the sinner?" 1 Peter 4:17-18

The Vision of the Ascended Judge Is Essential to Being Overcomers Until He Comes!

If we keep repenting as His church, He will reassure us with His mighty right hand. (1:12, 17-18)

LOOK UP to the merciful Judge who walks among His churches and **LIVE OUT** His message and mission by turning your back on sin to look full in His wonderful face.

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace!