

Lessons From Revelation

The Son Of God

(Rv 1:9-20)

INTRODUCTION

1. Good Evening,
 - a. Greeting...
2. Series of “Lessons From Revelation.”
 - a. Things to always keep in mind in this study.
 - i. The book was written to be fulfilled “shortly.”
 1. **Rv 1:1a** “The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place...” (NKJV)
 - ii. The book was written as “signs” or in an “apocalyptic” style.
 1. **Rv 1:1b** “...And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John”¹ (NKJV)
 - iii. The book was written so all understand that even when things seem their worse Christ is still in control and He will always come out as the victor.
 1. **Rv 6:10** “They cried out with a loud voice, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?””
 2. **Rv 6:12-17** “When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood...17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?”
 - b. Last week in looking some things that made the “Revelator” worthy of praise.
 - i. Today we are going to look at some characteristics of the Son of God that make Him worthy to be the Revelator.
3. With that in mind let us examine our text today.

I. Meeting The Son Of God (13-16)

- A. Jesus’ surroundings & clothes.
 1. He stood in the midst of the seven lampstands.
 - i. These lampstands represented the seven churches.
 - a. **Rv 1:20** “As for the mystery...the seven lampstands are the seven churches.”
 - ii. They also represent Christ’s being a prophet as He would prophecy concerning the churches.
 2. Long robe to the ground
 - i. This represented high rank and royalty ie His kingship.
 - a. **Is 6:1** “In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.”

¹ All Scriptures are taken from the ESV unless otherwise noted. If other translations are used this is not necessarily an endorsement of the translation.

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3. Gold sash around His chest
 - i. This represented priesthood
 - a. **Ex 28:4** “These are the garments that they shall make: a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a coat of checker work, a turban, and a sash. They shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother and his sons to serve me as priests.”
 4. Thus we find Jesus as a worthy revelator because He is...
 - i. Prophet, High Priest, and King.
- C. Jesus’ physical appearance
1. White hair
 - i. This represents Jesus as wise and pure in His wisdom.
 - a. **Pr 16:31** “Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life.”
 - b. **Pr 20:29** “The glory of young men is their strength, but the splendor of old men is their gray hair.”
 2. Fiery eyes
 - i. This represents Jesus as an omniscient judge able to penetrate all and see things as they are not as they might seem to be.
 - a. **Ps 139:7-8** “Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!”
 - b. **Ec 12:14** “For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.”
 4. Brightly shining face
 - i. This represents Jesus as one with authority and one who should be listened to.
 - a. **Mt 28:18** “And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”
 5. Mouth with a two-edged sword coming out of it.
 - i. This represents Jesus as the executor of righteous judgment and justice. It is two-edged because...
 - a. For the righteous the gospel is that which leads to heaven.
 - b. For the unrighteous the gospel is that which will condemn to hell.
 1. **Jn 12:48** “The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.”
 6. Thus we find Jesus as a worthy revelator because He is...
 - i. Wise, pure, just, executor of judgments, and has all authority.

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- D. Jesus' audible sound
 - 1. Voice like rushing waters
 - i. This represents Jesus' power as the Almighty.
 - a. **Rv 1:8** "'I am the Alpha and the Omega,'" says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.'"
 - b. **Ek 1:24** "And when they went, I heard the sound of their wings like the sound of many waters, like the sound of the Almighty, a sound of tumult like the sound of an army. When they stood still, they let down their wings."
 - 2. Thus Jesus is worthy of being the revelator because He is...
 - i. Powerful enough to proclaim it boldly and back up His words.
- E. Jesus' concern
 - 1. The seven stars in His right hand.
 - i. This represents Jesus' compassion for His children.
 - a. To each of the seven churches He shows His personal love and concern.
 - 1. **Mt 10:28-30** "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30 But even the hairs of your head are all numbered."
 - 2. Thus Jesus is worthy of being the revelator because He is...
 - i. Personally involved in each person and congregation and He has great compassion for them.

II. Comfort From The Son Of God (17-20)

- A. Upon John hearing these things he fell as though dead
 - 1. Imagine this being presented before your eyes, how would you react?
 - i. It would most likely be like that of Isaiah, Daniel, Paul, and John here.
- B. Jesus being the worthy Revelator comforts John and thus those that read
 - 1. He is the first and the last.
 - i. What comfort it is to know that beyond a shadow of doubt there is "God/Deity" who loves us so much and cares so deeply for us.
 - 2. He is the Living One.
 - i. What comfort it is to know that our Savior is the "Living One" forevermore ie the one that holds the keys to death and hades.
 - a. **Jn 5:26** "For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself."
- C. Thus...
 - 1. Jesus is worthy of being the revelator because He is...
 - i. God who is living, always and forevermore.

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CONCLUSION

1. What make the Son of God worthy of being the revelator is what makes Him so amazing, true, and worthy of our worship.
2. Question: Are you willing to listen to Him who is worthy of reveling?
 - a. If so continue therein and grow thereby.
 - b. If not why not?
3. Invitation
 - a. For those that are Christians but are not living for Christ repent by confessing your sins to God that He may forgive you and dedicate your life/time back to Him.
 - i. **I Jn 1:7, 9** "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin...9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
 - b. For those that are not Christians or for those that think they are Christians and want to know for sure notice what is required to become a child of God or Christian according to God and God only.
 - i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
 - ii. Have Faith In Jesus **Jn 3:16; 8:24; He 11:6**
 - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
 - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
 - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
 - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**