

# 'The Son of God and the Lord of Glory Series'

Sermons in the Gospel of John

Message 19 - 'A Vision of Glory'  
John 1: 50 - 51



When you come to the Lord Jesus Christ in repentance and faith, and begin your spiritual life with him, you begin to learn of Him. It is the beginning, and you will learn some wonderful things, some particularly wonderful things about Jesus, enjoy wonderful moments of fellowship with Him, and with His people, you can know His power and presence in your life, but listen, this is the wonder of it, you can know that that pleasure is to be enjoyed increasingly forever! Forever! For eternity, so it will be that the Lord's people will walk increasingly in the depth and riches of His love, His grace, and His glory. Nathanael is given a glimpse of the wonderful glory to come. We see the following:

**We Need to Look at the Interpretations (v51)** - Throughout the first chapter of John, we have been introduced to the Lord Jesus Christ in a number of different contexts and with different titles. We have seen that He is the Word, the Light, the Lamb, the Son of God, Rabbi, the Messiah, the King of Israel. It is after Nathanael's declaration that Jesus answers in this remarkable way, and basically says to Nathanael, that all the insight and experience that such a confession as his possesses, and even though they are wonderful, are only the beginning of the marvels of Christ and experiences of Him as they lie ahead. The specifics of this verse, the promise it gives, have seen many different interpretations forwarded. It seems that the clear solution believes that when Christ speaks of these things in v51, he is not referring to something completely that will be seen in the lifetime of Nathanael. In fact Christ was referring to something that is still future, even for us, it is still to come. That actually, no-one has seen the fulfilment of these verses, but one day Nathanael shall see it, and in fact all will see it when Jesus Christ returns. 'You shall see', becomes a genuine future reality, and is not just specific to Nathanael. The heavens will open, Christ will return, and there will be angels accompanying the Son of Man, the Son of God, and the Lord of Glory!

**We Need to be Lost in Wonder** - The Lord Jesus Christ returning should be a moment of great joy and rejoicing for the Lord's people. One of the marks of the true church of Christ throughout the ages was a longing for the glory to come, it seems that today believers and the church has lost this glorious emphasis. Revelation 19, points us to the triumphant description of the incredible return of the Son of God and the Lord of glory. Heaven stirs and the hosts of heaven cry Hallelujah. What we have described for us here is the fulfilment of the Lord's promise to Nathanael, and it is one, if we are the Lord's this morning, we too shall participate in. Oh how we shall praise Him, how we shall glory in His name!

**We Need to Listen to the Message** - We have been looking at this marvellous scene of glory, but I have to make it clear that it is also a scene of judgement. Those who have not responded to the preaching of God's grace through the Gospel, will face Christ not as Saviour, but as judge, without hope. The only hope we have is Christ, and with out Him, we face judgement, and there is nothing that can save us from the wrath of God apart from Him, His glorious work on the cross, the blood that He shed that cleanses from all unrighteousness. Are you prepared to meet Christ when he returns?



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