

Morning Sermon Outline – May 9, 2021
Revelation 1:9-20 “A Vision of the Invisible Christ”

I. Christ first introduces Himself with titles which evidence His Divine Nature –

¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, ¹¹ saying, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,” ... Revelation 1:10-11 A

1. *Alpha and Omega were the first and last letters in the Greek alphabet, so First and Last is a little bit repetitious. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the Eternal Son of God!*
2. *As Man, He was visible, as God He is not visible but Spiritual and Invisible, so the Vision which John is to “write in a book” – “What you see, write in a book” – Revelation 1:11 B was never meant to be drawn, but rather, thought about, and figured out ...*

II. Christ is shown as with and watching over churches –

1. *The seven golden lampstands are the seven churches –*
¹² Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, Revelation 1:12 (NKJV)
... and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches. Revelation 1:20 B

2. *He, Christ, “the Son of Man” is in the midst of the seven lampstands -*
¹³ and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, Revelation 1:13
 - A. *“The Son of Man” was the title used most by Christ when He referred to Himself during His earthly ministry, here in a spiritual state He is still seen this way by John.*
 - B. *“The Son of Man” identifies Christ with us and His ministry to us – Being in the midst of the seven lampstands, implies that He is watching over them. In context, He definitely is watching over*

them! He knows them better than they know themselves!
What He says to these churches applies to all churches throughout the age –

...and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.
Matthew 28:20 B

3. *Not only is Christ's with these churches but He holds their angels (ministers) in His right hand –*

¹⁶ He had in His right hand seven stars... Revelation 1:16 A
²⁰ ... The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, ... Revelation 1:20 B

- A. *“Angels” here could refer to Angelic spiritual beings that watch over churches, or pastors and other leaders in the church. Fact is, all of these are in Christ's hand in that He has control over them and us, He is able promote us up or put us down –*
- B. *Being in Christ hand also implies His protection, His guard, as all true Christians are –*

²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸ And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. John 10:27-28

III. In the clothing Christ is pictured as wearing, we have a picture of His position in relation to His church –

“... clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.” Revelation 1:13

1. *A priestly garment, but not like Aaron's, as Christ was not a descendant of Aaron, but He was a Priest / King according to the Order of Melchizedek -*

¹⁸ Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. Genesis 14:18

⁴ The LORD has sworn and will not relent, “You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.” Psalm 110:4

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but *it was He who said to Him: “You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.”*⁶ As

He also says in another place: “You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek”; Hebrews 5:5–6 (NKJV)

2. *It is also significant that it is stated “clothed with a garment down to the feet”*

It is true priests had such garment, however, when offering sacrifices, they “girded” the garment, which means it would be pulled up somewhat, not “down to the feet” but here Christ is pictured as having already finished His sacrificial work –

¹⁴ For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified. Hebrews 10:14 (NKJV)

His work now as High Priest / King is ruling over and praying for His church (us) –

²⁴ But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. ²⁵ Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶ For such a High Priest was fitting for us, *who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; ²⁷ who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people’s, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. Hebrews 7:24–27 (NKJV)*

IV. The Attributes of Christ described here show us how extremely qualified He is both to rule over and care for His church –

1. *His extreme white hair shows age, experience, ETERNAL –*

¹⁴ His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, ... Revelation 1:14

He is the Eternal Son of God –

⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.” John 8:58 (NKJV) See also John 1:1-5

2. *His eyes like a flame of fire show that He sees and knows everything, as God does, knowing even our thoughts before we think them and He is able to judge, perfectly – and His eyes like a flame of fire; Revelation 1:14 B*

3. *Brass feet, are powerful for stomping, judgment –*

¹⁵ His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, ... Revelation 1:15 (NKJV)

4. *His voice is powerful, commanding attention and conveying authority –*

- A. *Attention getting power -*

and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,... Revelation 1:10

- B. *Authority -*

...and His voice as the sound of many waters; Revelation 1:15 (NKJV)

5. *The Word of God comes out of His mouth –*

out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword,... Revelation 1:16, see also –

¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account. Hebrews 4:12–13 (NKJV)

6. *His face shines with God’s glory –*

... and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. Revelation 1:16 B

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 (NKJV) John beheld Christ’s glory both veiled and unveiled

7. *John’s response to this Vision of Christ is telling –*

¹⁷ And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead... Revelation 1:17 A

V. Christ’s Words to John bring comfort, He is the same Risen Lord Who John already knew -

But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. Revelation 1:17-18

1. *Christ would comfort John both with touch and words – :17 A*

2. *He speaks of His eternal Being, again - :17 B*

3. *He refers to His death and resurrection - :18 A, as Truth / Amen*

4. *He has the keys to Hades and Death, meaning He has defeated these even for us - :18 B*

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