

Honor the Son - Part 2

Revelation 1:13-20

Vs. 15 Feet like burnished bronze when hot.

Brass speaks of the wrath of God. It brings judgment and vengeance. The brazen altar that stood before the tabernacle was that on which the fire of God's judgment was burning continually. It was overlaid with brass because brass could withstand the fire.

By the way, John MacArthur says, all of the temple and all of the tabernacle furniture that was in any way used in a sin offering was always brass. When you see brass in this situation, you know it has something to do with sin. And here you have feet glowing hot...very clear reference to judgment. Any time anybody came before the king, the king always in ancient times sat on an elevated throne. And when a criminal came in to be sentenced, he was always below the feet of the king. He would bow down and look up to the feet and then the throne and the body and then the head. The feet of the king became the symbol of his authority. And here we find Jesus Christ with red-hot feet, moving through His church to exercise His chastening authority...blazing, molten, pure, refined, gleaming feet of judgment. This metal is pure, refined by the holiness and the glory of God and ready to deal out pain, if need be, to a sinning Christian and a sinning church.

Vs. 15 And His voice like the sound of many waters.

This is not a quiet storm but the rushing of the waters as they come upon those who disobeyed the warning signs (**Jeremiah 25:30-31**).

Vs. 16 He had in His right hand seven stars. They are the ministers of the seven churches.

1. Therefore under His direction.
2. Have all of their light and influence from Him.
3. And are secured and preserved by Him (**Daniel 12:3**).

Vs. 16 Out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword.

The idea is that this sword is the word of God (**Ephesians 6:17**), and it brings judgment on those who do not obey it. **Revelation 19:15** says, "...out of His mouth goes a sharp sword...", and **Hebrews 4:12** says 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.

Speaking on the phrase "sharp two-edged sword," Charles Spurgeon says, there is not handling this weapon without cutting yourself, for it has not back to it; it is all edge. A sword is not for play, it's for usage. The word of God is not for playing around with, it is to be used correctly.

Vs. 16 And His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

Why is His face portrayed as the sun? A couple of reasons; when the sun is shining in its strength...

1. You either put your hands up to block it
2. You cover your eyes
3. Or you turn away

All these things tell us that we have to honor and respect the sun. It's the same with Christ. We either throw our hands up to worship Him; cover our eyes so as not to look upon Him; or if we don't know Him, we turn away from Him.

When the light shines upon you, what is your response (**Malachi 4:2**)?

Vs. 17-18 In **Acts 9:4**, Paul had an encounter with Jesus and he fell to the earth. Here John has an encounter and he falls at Jesus' feet as if he were dead.

When a person encounters God it should always know the off of their feet, off of their position of authority. Someone said we are never so much alive as when we are dead at His feet.

Vs. 17 Jesus' touch of comfort.

The He says don't be afraid. Some of you need that touch right now. Some of us need to be brought back from the dead spiritually. (Don't be afraid) Why? Because of who He is.

Vs. 17 I am the First and the Last.

He is the God of all eternity; eternity past and eternity future (**Psalm 139:6-10**). Jesus Christ is the first and the last thing a person needs.

Vs. 18 I am He who lives and who was dead (**Hebrews. 2:14-15**).

I am alive forevermore.

1. How long will you live in heaven?
Alive throughout the eons upon eons of ages, epochs without end.
2. How long will you be secure in heaven?
Saved throughout the eons upon eons of ages, epochs without end (**John 14:1-3**).

Vs. 18 Has the keys to hell and death.

John 6:39-40 - We are secure through Christ and death has no power over us. Last time I checked, Jesus had the keys and He never lets the devil borrow them.

In verse 19 we get the threefold division of the Book of Revelation.

Vs. 19 Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

1. The things which you have seen are the things of chapter one, the division of the book of Revelation.
2. The things which are follow in the next two chapters (2-3) and make the second division, which deals with the present dispensation. They give us the condition of the church during John's day and time. It ends at the rapture of the church.

3. The things which will take place. After this are the events described in chapters 4 to the end, and make the third and last division of the book. These are the things which will take place after church history ends. It deals with the great tribulation, the kingdom age, and the eternal state.

Vs. 20 I like the way the book of Revelation explains itself.

1. Seven stars. The stars are ministers, leaders of the church (angels, messengers).

All of us who are faithful are in the right hand of God, the place of safety and strength. All of those who are not true to Him will be spewed out of His mouth.

Vs. 20 The seven lamp stands are the seven churches. I want us to understand this Jesus is the light. The light doesn't come from the lamp stand. The light comes from the oil lamp themselves. The stands merely make the light more visible. Therefore the lamp stands are a good picture of the church. We don't produce the light, we simply display it (**2 Corinthians 4:6**)