

## **An Amazing Vision (Part 3)**

### **Revelation 1:9-20**

**Thought for the Day:** When we truly see and understand who the Lord Jesus Christ is and all that He has done for us, we will respond to Him in reverential awe and humble service.

In Revelation 1:9-20, the Apostle John receives An Amazing Vision of the Lord Jesus Christ. He appears as a man, but much more than a man—He is now the resurrected, glorified, unique God-Man!

#### **I. The Circumstances of the Vision (1:9-11)**

##### **A. John's Identity (1:9a)**

**9 I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus...**

##### **B. John's Location (1:9b)**

**...was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.**

##### **C. John's Instructions (1:10-11)**

**10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet 11 saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."**

#### **II. The Content of the Vision (1:12-16)**

##### **A. Seven Golden Lampstands (1:12)**

**12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands...**

##### **B. One Like a Son of Man (1:13-16)**

**13 and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.**

➤ Jesus is our Great High Priest who enables us to draw near to God. (Heb. 4:14-16)

**14 The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow.**

➤ This represents His wisdom, purity and holiness.

➤ When we place our faith in Jesus Christ to be our Savior, His holiness becomes our holiness. He enable us to have a saving relationship with God, who is absolutely holy.

**His eyes were like a flame of fire...**

➤ This symbolizes His holiness and righteousness in His judgment of all that is evil.

**15 his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace...**

➤ "This may picture the trials He experienced in His earthly life that make Him a sympathetic High Priest and an experienced Judge." (*Ryrie, Revelation, p. 24*)

➤ Hebrews 2:14-15, 17-18. No one understands like Jesus!

- Jesus identified with us in our humanity in order that He might destroy the devil and deliver from death all those who put their trust in Him.

**and his voice was like the roar of many waters.**

- “The *voice like rushing waters* (see also 19:6) evokes the image of a huge waterfall roaring over a high cliff. Thus, the voice is powerful and awesome. When this man speaks with authority, nothing else can be heard.” (*The Life Application Commentary Series*)
- “...His voice of authority stands out above all the rest and drowns out all who try to talk back or offer excuses to Him.” (*Ryrie, Revelation, p. 24*)

**16 In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword...**

- This is a symbol of the Word of God (Hebrews 4:12-13) by which He will judge the world (Revelation 19:11-16, 21).

**...and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.**

- As the light of the Sun drives away the darkness and shadows, so shall we be completely exposed before the Lord when He comes. (Hebrews 10:26-31)

**III. The Consequences of the Vision (1:17-20)**

**A. A Word of Comfort (1:17-18)**

**17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead.**

- “In a brief glimpse of unveiled deity shrouded in mysterious symbols that surpassed even John’s experience on the Mount of Transfiguration, the beloved disciple quickly learned his place in the universe. Saint John—evangelist, theologian, elder, apostle, and elite member of Christ’s inner circle—was instantly reduced to a trembling sinner lying powerless before the King of kings and Lord of lords. In a word, he was terrified.” (*Swindoll, Revelation, pp. 26-27*)

**But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not...**

- “Yet in the midst of the apostle’s heart-stopping terror, the unsurpassable Son of God stooped down, reached out with His nail-pierced hand, and comforted His old friend. Helping the elderly disciple to his feet, He told John not to fear (1:17).” (*Swindoll, Revelation, p. 27*)

**Suggested Application:**

1. Jesus is able to understand and sympathize with us because He became a man. He was tempted as we are tempted, yet without sin. Have you ever questioned or doubted that God really understands what you’re going through?
2. All authority in heaven and on earth have been given to Jesus Christ. Have you submitted to His authority, His right to rule over and control your life?
3. God’s Word reveals our innermost thoughts and our deepest motives. Do you get into God’s Word on a regular basis and allow it to search your heart and mind?
4. The Apostle John was completely humbled by his awe inspiring vision of the Lord. Has your experience with the Lord brought you to a similar place of complete humility before Him?