

Revelation 1:9-20
The Unveiling

The Voice (9-11)

Position of the recipient – His testimony and character (Acts 16:25) ***in suffering***

Preparation for hearing His voice (Ephesians 5:18 / Jude 20-21) ***in the Spirit***

Pronouncement of the King

Sounding like a trumpet (I Thessalonians 4:16) ***He will be heard***

See and record the vision – let His teaching be known (II Timothy 4:1-2)

Send it to the churches – this is for us! ***How are we to respond?***

The Vision (12-16)

Seven golden lampstands – representing the 7 churches – ***collectively & historically***

Son of God – like a son of man (Daniel 7:13) ***the Messiah***

Snow white head and hair – His glory (Matthew 17:2)

Standing as judge (feet of burnished bronze) (John 5:22) ***He is the Judge***

Sound of rushing waters – very loud

Seven stars – angels of the 7 churches ***pastors or angels?***

Sharp double-edged sword (Hebrews 4:12) ***His Word***

Sun in all its brilliance (Malachi 4:2 & Luke 1:78 / II Peter 1:19) ***May He shine on me***

The Verification (17-20)

Reverence – falling at His feet (John 1:26) ***the meaning of worship***

Restoration – touched by Him (Isaiah 6:7 / Mark 1:41-42) ***physically & spiritually***

Recognition – the Living One (Revelation 1:17-18) ***the giver of life and death***

Revelation – of the stars and the lamps ***Are we ready to listen?***

Discussion questions for Revelation 1:9-20

Am I prepared to hear God voice? What can we do to prepare ourselves to hear God? How can we know we are hearing God's voice?

(Psalm 66:18 / I John 3:21-22) ***Is my heart in the right place?***

(Matthew 5:16/Colossians 3:17) ***Is my life honoring to Him?***

(Luke 16:10) ***Am I obedient to the things He has entrusted to me?***

(Acts 17:11) ***Does what I hear align with God's word?***

(James 3:17) ***Is what I hear wise by God's standard of wisdom?***

(Isaiah 42:8 / I Corinthians 10:31) ***Will this bring glory to God or to myself?***

How does John's vision of Jesus differ from the way most people picture Him? What things are revealed in John's vision that are important for us to recognize about who Jesus is?

Most picture Him as our gentle, loving Savior (true, but He is so much more)

(Colossians 1:17-18) ***He is the supreme being of the universe, Almighty God***

(Judges 13:22 / Matthew 9:5-6 / Revelation 1:17) ***His full presence is terrifying to mortal men***

(John 5:22,30) ***He is our Judge and He is just!***

(John 10:27-28 / Ephesians 1:22-23) ***He holds everything in His hand, including me***

When we hear God's voice, what does it mean to listen? What should be our response we He speaks into our lives. What is necessary for us to respond appropriately to Him?

(Matthew 7:26-27 / James 1:22) ***to listen is to obey – otherwise we are deceived***

(Matthew 4:10 / Philippians 2:9-11) ***recognize our own unworthiness and bow before Him***

(John 15:5 / Isaiah 6:8-9 / Romans 6:13) ***I need Him. I must yield myself to Him for service***

(Jeremiah 23:16, 28, 31 / Psalm 32:8-9 / Isaiah 48:17) ***His way is always what is best for me***

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