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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) Revelation 1:3
 - i) At any moment, Jesus can come.
 - (1) Eternity is not way out yonder; it is only a heartbeat away.
- b) The Apostle Paul told us two millennia ago that the time is at hand.
- c) At any time, the Lord Jesus could come in glory for His own.
- d) Revelation 1:7-8
 - i) “Clouds” in this passage refer to the Shekinah glory of God.
 - ii) The Lord Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega.
 - (1) Alpha is the first letter in the Greek alphabet.
 - (2) Omega is the last letter in the Greek alphabet.
 - (a) There is nothing before alpha and nothing after omega.
 - (b) The Lord Jesus is all of everything.
- e) The Apostle John had been exiled to the island of Patmos for preaching the Gospel of Christ.
 - i) It was the Alcatraz of that day.
 - ii) Revelation 1:9
- f) Revelation 1:9-13
 - i) There on Patmos, Almighty God pulled back the veil and showed Jesus in His glory.
 - (1) When Jesus came to this Earth the first time, He came with His glory veiled.
 - (a) We could not have seen His glory and been able to withstand it.
 - (b) His very humanity veiled that glory that was inherently His.
- g) The Greek word for “the Revelation” is “the Apocalypse.”
 - i) It simply means “an unveiling.”
- h) What the Apostle John is about to see is an unveiling of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - i) He is about to see the Lord Jesus, not as He was (walking in sandals by Galilee), but as He is (ruling and reigning).
- i) Revelation 1:9
 - i) John said that he is our brother in tribulation.
 - (1) Not all saints will go through the Great Tribulation, but we will all go through tribulation.
 - (a) John 16:33
 - (2) In tribulation, it is always good to get a glimpse of the glory.
- j) The message today will share ten things about the Lord Jesus that will help us in our worship.
 - i) Our worship is no better than our vision of the Lord Jesus Christ.

2) HE IS THE RESURRECTED CHRIST WITH UNDIMINISHED HUMANITY
(REVELATION 1:12-13)

- a) Revelation 1:12-13
 - i) This passage says that Jesus was “like unto the Son of man,” not the Son of God, though He is the Son of God.

- b) At this time, the Apostle John had not seen Jesus for about sixty to sixty-five years.
 - c) When the Lord Jesus appears to John on the island of Patmos after He had already gone to Heaven, John sees Him still as a man.
 - i) When Jesus Christ stepped out of Heaven and was born of a virgin in Bethlehem, He took upon Himself humanity.
 - ii) He still has that humanity today.
 - d) When we get to Heaven, we will see in Heaven the man, Christ Jesus.
 - i) He did not take human form only to be here on Earth and then lay it aside.
 - ii) We will see the nail prints in His hands.
 - iii) The Lord Jesus took our humanity and will forever be like us.
 - (1) When we see Him, we will forever be like Him.
- 3) THE REIGNING CHRIST WITH UNRIVALED MAJESTY (REVELATION 1:13)
- a) Revelation 1:13
 - i) This sash or robe that the Lord Jesus wears around His chest is the robe of a King and a Priest.
 - (1) He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords.
 - b) He has an unrivalled majesty.
 - c) He is not now, in this passage, pictured as the Savior but as the Sovereign.
 - i) He is the reigning, ruling and regal Lord with the robes of regality around Him.
 - ii) He is our King-Priest.
 - d) When He came to the Earth the first time, He came to a tree.
 - i) When He comes again, He is coming to a throne.
 - e) When He came the first time, He came to redeem.
 - i) When He comes again, He will come to reign.
 - f) When He came the first time, He came as a Savior.
 - i) When He comes again, He is coming as the Sovereign.
 - g) If you do not allow the Lord Jesus to be your Savior, then you will meet Him as your judge.
- 4) HE IS THE RIGHTEOUS CHRIST WITH UNDIMINISHED PURITY (REVELATION 1:14)
- a) Revelation 1:14
 - i) This speaks of His holiness and purity.
 - (1) The Lord Jesus has an unblemished purity.
 - ii) The whiteness of the snow represents purity.
 - b) Isaiah 1:18
 - c) If we think that He can accept us as we are without being born again, then we are grossly ignorant of two things:
 - i) We don't know how holy He is.
 - ii) We don't know how sinful we are.

- 5) HE IS THE REVEALING CHRIST WITH UNHINDERED SCRUTINY (REVELATION 1:14)
- a) Revelation 1:14
 - i) “His eyes were as a flame of fire.”
 - (1) His vision not only sees us, but it also sees through us.
 - b) Hebrews 4:13
 - c) The Lord Jesus sees our hearts at this very moment.
 - d) He knows what we’re thinking every second.
 - e) He cannot be deceived, He cannot be disputed, and He cannot be discredited.
- 6) HE IS THE RELENTLESS CHRIST WITH UNTARNISHED INTEGRITY (REVELATION 1:15)
- a) Revelation 1:15
 - b) In the Bible, brass is an emblem of judgment.
 - i) In the outer court of the tabernacle where the sacrifices were made, those implements were made of brass.
 - ii) The fires of God’s judgment burned themselves out upon that sacrifice.
 - c) His feet in this passage speak of His progress, His going forth.
 - i) He is going forth to judge.
 - (1) He came the first time to save.
 - (2) When He comes again, He’s coming to trample out His enemies and His foes.
 - ii) He is unstoppable.
 - d) Symbolically, this speaks of judgment.
 - i) When our Lord Jesus comes the second time, He is coming to judge.
 - e) Acts 17:30-31
 - f) John 5:22
- 7) HE IS THE REGAL CHRIST WITH UNCHALLENGED AUTHORITY (REVELATION 1:15)
- a) Revelation 1:15
 - i) “His voice was as the sound of many waters.”
 - ii) This speaks of the majesty and the power of our Lord.
 - b) Psalm 29:3-4
 - c) John 5:28
 - d) There will be no talking back.
 - i) We will stand before Him in silence.
- 8) HE IS THE REGULATING CHRIST WITH UNEQUALED MASTERY (REVELATION 1:16)
- a) Revelation 1:16
 - b) He is holding seven stars in His right hand.
 - i) Seven is the number of perfection.

- ii) The stars speak of several things:
 - (1) They speak of all creation that He has in His right hand, as He is the one who regulates and rules the universe.
 - (2) They also have a deeper symbolic meaning.
 - (a) Revelation 1:20
 - (i) Every one of the seven churches in the book of the Revelation had an angel.
 - (ii) The word “angel” means “messenger.”
 - 1. This refers to the pastor.
 - (b) God keeps His messengers, those who are God-called.
 - (i) This is another way of saying that it is His ministry, it is in His hands; He has everything under control.
 - c) He is the one who holds everything in His right hand.
- 9) HE IS THE REVENGING CHRIST WITH UNSPOILED VICTORY (REVELATION 1:16)
- a) Revelation 1:16
 - i) Out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword.
 - ii) This sword speaks of His Word.
 - b) Hebrews 4:12
 - c) The Lord Jesus that we read about in Revelation 1:3 and Revelation 1:7 is coming to take vengeance.
 - d) 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9
 - e) Romans 12:19
 - i) The weapon of vengeance is the sword that goes out of His mouth.
 - f) Revelation 19:11-16
 - i) This speaks of the Lord Jesus when He comes back to this Earth to rule and reign with Heaven’s armies.
 - ii) The white charger in this passage is a symbol of victory.
 - iii) The sword that comes out of His mouth (which is His Word) cuts both ways.
 - (1) It is a saver of life unto life or death unto death.
 - (2) If it does not bless you and save you, it will cut you and judge you.
 - (a) The Lord created everything with His words.
 - (i) In the book of Genesis, He spoke and worlds sprang into space.
 - 1. Genesis 1
 - (ii) Darkness fled, and life appeared.
 - iv) This passage in Revelation 19 is speaking about the Battle of Armageddon.
 - (1) The Beast, the Antichrist and all the armies of Hell will gather around Jerusalem to make war against God’s ancient people.
 - (2) When it looks like there is no hope, the Heavens will open, and the Lord Jesus will come.
 - (a) He will come this time, not for His saints, but with His saints.
 - (3) The Battle will be won with the sword that’s in His mouth.

- (a) It will be won with His Word.
- (b) The Lord Jesus who spoke them into existence will speak them into oblivion.

10) HE IS THE RESPLENDENT CHRIST WITH UNDIMMED GLORY (REVELATION 1:16)

- a) Revelation 1:16
 - i) "His countenance was as the sun that shineth in its strength."
 - ii) This speaks of the glory and radiance of our Lord that will light all of Heaven for all eternity.
 - (1) It will be the light of the universes.
- b) 2 Corinthians 4:6
 - i) We who are saved have the light of the knowledge of Christ, but we have never yet seen that glory.
- c) The light of Heaven is the face of Jesus Christ, brighter than the noonday sun.

11) HE IS THE REASSURING CHRIST WITH UNDENIABLE DEITY (REVELATION 1:17-18)

- a) This is the one whom we worship.
- b) Revelation 1:17-18
 - i) Anyone who comes before God irreverently has never seen this Christ.
 - ii) The Apostle John had laid his head upon Jesus' chest when He was here as the Redeemer.
 - iii) When the Apostle John sees this Christ in glory, He falls at His feet like a dead man.
- c) This is the one who has the keys of death and Hell.
 - i) When Jesus was nailed upon that cross, Death thought he had conquered.
 - (1) When the Lord Jesus died upon the cross, sighs and groans went throughout the sepulchers of the righteous dead.
 - ii) Jesus Christ met Death in Death's own territory and permitted Himself to be taken captive by Death so that He might lead Death captive.
 - iii) When Jesus resurrected from the tomb, He pulled the sting out of Death, took the crown from Death, and Jesus became the death of Death.
 - iv) When the Lord Jesus comes again, this same Jesus who walked out of that grave will give a shout.
 - (1) And at His command, from the sea and from the land, the bodies of the saints will be raised.
- d) We often talk too casually about this one, our Savior.
 - i) May God forgive our irreverence.
- e) When we truly see and worship the Lord Jesus as He is described in the book of the Revelation, it will do several things for us:
 - i) It will bring us to full submission.

- (1) When the Apostle John fell before Him prostrate, it meant that indeed He is Lord, not man.
- (2) Have you surrendered everything, all you have, to the Lord Jesus?
 - ii) It will give you incredible reverence for Him.
 - iii) It will give you a great assurance.
- (1) When the Apostle John was there on his face, the Lord Jesus told him not to be afraid.
 - (a) Revelation 1:17
- f) The fear of God is love on its knees.
 - i) We must have that reverence, but we must never have that terror or fear before Him.
 - ii) The person who truly worships the Lord can't really be afraid of anything else.
- (1) When we truly see Him, it takes away fear.

12) CONCLUSION

- a) Revelation 1:19-20
 - i) After that time of worship, the Lord Jesus gave the Apostle John a commission and told him what to do and how to write the book of the Revelation.
- b) We can do more than worship after we've worshipped, but we can really do no more than worship until we've worshipped.
- c) When we worship, there comes that submission.
 - i) There comes that reverence, that assurance and that commission from our Lord to serve Him.
- d) If Jesus were to come today, would you be ready?
- e) If not, won't you call on His name today?
- f) Pray to Him now and ask Him to come into your life.
- g) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16