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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Lord, to you I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame. show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. ,Remember O Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways. According to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord. Bless us and keep us and protect us in Jesus' name. Amen .

—From Psalm 25

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Scripture

Revelations I (2005)

Revelation 1:1-20 (KJV)

¹ The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified *it* by his angel unto his servant John:

² Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

³ Blessed *is* he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time *is* at hand.

⁴ John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

⁵ And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

⁶ And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

⁸ I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

⁹ I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

¹¹ Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send *it* unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

¹² And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

¹³ And in the midst of the seven candlesticks *one* like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

¹⁴ His head and *his* hairs *were* white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes *were* as a flame of fire;

¹⁵ And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

¹⁶ And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two edged sword: and his countenance *was* as the sun shineth in his strength.

¹⁷ And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

¹⁸ I *am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

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¹⁹ Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;
²⁰ The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

Revelation 1:1–3. The Revelation of Jesus Christ

The revelation of Jesus Christ ... what must soon take place (v. 1).

Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy (v. 3). And those who hear and take to heart the words of this book. Thus the book opens. And thus it closes (22:7). Revelation is the only Bible book that pronounces this specific blessing! It is also interesting to note that John writes of a curse to those who might add or take away from the words of this book of prophecy (22:18–19). includes both reading it for ourselves and "hearing" it being read in church. "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches" is a common instruction throughout the book of Revelation. In John's day, books had to be written by hand and were scarce and expensive. People had to depend in large measure on the reading and teaching in church for their knowledge of Scripture. The invention of printing in modern times has made Bibles readily available to all—but this does not in any way eliminate the need for, and value of, the regular reading and exposition of God's Word in church services. 's Word was intended to have the central place in church services—then, and now, and always. It is the one thing designed by God to hold the church true to its mission. Not talking *about* the Word, but simply reading and hearing God's Word, which is sometimes rightly called "the Ministry of the Word."

Revelation 1:9–20. Christ in the Midst of the Churches

Patmos (v. 9), the island to which John was banished in the persecution of Domitian and where he received these visions, is in the Aegean Sea, about 60 miles southwest of Ephesus and about 150 miles east of Athens. (See map The Seven Churches .) is 10 miles long and six miles wide, volcanic, rocky, and mostly treeless. It was one of many places to which the Romans banished exiles.

The Lord's Day (v. 10) evidently was the "first day of the week" (Acts 20:7 ; 1 Corinthians 16:2), the day on which Christians met for worship in commemoration of the Lord's resurrection. The seventh day, the Sabbath, had been kept in commemoration of God's creative work; the first day, the Lord's Day, was set aside to keep forever fresh in people's minds the story of the most momentous day of all history, the one event that gives meaning to human life: Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

In the Spirit (Revelation 1:10 ; 4:2 ; 17:3 ; 21:10) seems to mean that his faculties were wholly taken over by the Spirit of God.

Write (1:11). John is clearly commanded to write.

- Write on a scroll what you see (1:11).
- Write therefore what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later (1:19).
- To Ephesus ... write. To Smyrna ... write. To Pergamum ... write. To Thyatira ... write. To Sardis ... write. To Philadelphia ... write. To Laodicea ... write. (2:1 , 8 , 12 , 18 ; 3:1 , 7 , 14).
- Write, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord" (14:13).
- Write, "Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper" (19:9). it is emphasized, again and again, in the strongest possible manner, that God Himself commanded that the book be written, and that He Himself told John exactly what to write.

The Vision of Christ (1:13–18)

sees Jesus, his friend and his Lord, in a breathtaking vision.

- His robe and sash are the garments worn by the high priests of the Old Testament. Christ is risen and is in heaven where He performs His ministry of intercession on our behalf (Hebrews 4:14 ; 7:25).
- He holds the angels of the churches in His hand.
- His hair is white as snow, his eyes are like a blazing fire.
- His face is like the sun shining in all its brilliance, His feet are like bronze glowing in a furnace, and His voice is like the sound of rushing waters.
- Out of His mouth comes a sharp, double-edged sword (the Word). is how the gentle Savior of the Gospels now presents Himself to His church: girded for battle, a warrior, a conqueror, with desperate and powerful enemies to encounter. It is a bid to His church for confidence in His leadership. It is also a stern and earnest warning to His church, with its growing signs of corruption and apostasy, that He will not tolerate half-heartedness or disloyalty. (Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Bible History/facts & commentaries; Zondervan; pages 903-912)

The Revelation of Jesus: v1 The word "revelation" in Greek, is apocalypse and means unveiling. This book is the unveiling of Jesus Christ in His relationship to the Church, to judgment, and to what is to come. The route by which the revelation came to John is given here. V3 The revelation was meant to be read in the churches. It refers to itself as a prophecy. The various interpretations of Revelation: 1. The Preterist view; symbolizes the struggles of the Church against Rome. 2. Historic view; symbolizes the historic problems the Church has had with the world. 3. Spiritual view; a spiritual allegory without direct application to actual events. 4. Futurist view; it is a straightforward account of what is to come (I hold this view.) SEE verse 19 of this chapter for the key to understanding the Book of Revelation. V4 Seven is the number of completeness; seven days in a week, seven colors in a rainbow, seven notes on the scale, etc. V5 "First begotten" refers to Jesus being first in prominence, not first in time, to be raised from the dead. Jesus, the faithful witness, is our example to be a representative of God in our walk and in our talk. V6 The Church will reign with Jesus during the Kingdom Age. V8 Since this statement is also made by Jesus in verse 11 we see that He is eternally co-existent with the Father. V10 "The Lord's Day" may refer to a particular day of the week, or John may mean "unto the day fo the

Lord," which would refer to his being taken by the Spirit to the days of the end times. V12 The seven candlesticks refer to the Old Testament tabernacle when Israel was God's light in the world. In the revelation, the Church had taken that place. V13 Jesus often referred to Himself as "the Son of man." This term is used interchangeably with "Son of God" in referring to Jesus. V14-17 The only description of Jesus in the New Testament is here; Jesus in glory. V19 John was to write about what he had seen (Chapter 1), the things which were (Chapters 2 and 3), and the things which would be "after these things" (Chapters 4 through 22). V20 "Angel" means messenger, usually a supernatural being carrying divine messages. The messages of Christ to the seven churches are applied in three ways: 1. Local application; written to the churches at that time. 2. Historic application; there are seven periods of Church history. 3. Personal application; universal message to His churches.
(New Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; 2005; Chuck Smith; commentaries; pages 193-194)

Revelation 1:5 affirms how much Jesus Christ loves us by shedding His own blood that we might be freed from sin. The passage communicates this strong message: *You are worth something because Jesus loves you and shed His blood for you.* Do not allow your sense of worth to be based on the opinions or actions of others. Do not try to find your worth in how you look or what you do. Do not try to find your worth in how other people treat you. Instead, let your sense of worth come through a relationship with Jesus Christ. You are secure in Him. He loves you!

Psalm 1:1-6 (KJV)

- ¹ Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
² But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
³ And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
⁴ The ungodly *are* not so: but *are* like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
⁵ Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
⁶ For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psa 119:105
Thy word [is] a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path.



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