

“Christ and the Seven Golden Lampstands”

Revelation 1:9-20

Last Sunday: Who Is and Who Was and Who Is to Come

The Four Schools (Views) of Revelation Interpretation:

1. Preterist (past)
 2. Historicist (church history)
 3. Idealist (symbolic, spiritual)
 4. Futurist (future)
- *Eclectic (combines the strengths of the other four views)

Today: Christ and the Seven Golden Lampstands

- Rev. 1:9-11, The Commission of John
- Rev. 1:12-16, The Description of the Son of Man
- Rev. 1:17-20, The Comfort and Interpretation of the Seven Stars and Seven Lampstands

1:9/ “I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus” – John was a brother and partner with them in three ways:

1. In tribulation
2. In the kingdom
3. In patient endurance

1:17/ “When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead...” – The common reaction when meeting Almighty God in his glory:

1. Isaiah 6:5, “Woe is me, for I am lost!”
2. Ezekiel 1:28, “I fell on my face!”
3. Daniel 8:17, “I was frightened and fell on my face!”

“Enemies of Christ fall away from Christ, but his people fall toward Him.” – Joel Beeke

The difference between terrifying fear and beneficial fear?

Ex. 20:20, “Moses said to the people, ‘Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.’”

1:18/ “I have the keys of Death and Hades.” This is a title of honor.

- Death: The separation of the body and soul/spirit; the portal to the unseen world
- Hades: The place of the dead

1:19/ Is this the outline of Revelation? “Write therefore...”

- “The things that you have seen...” (Revelation 1)
- “Those that are...” (Revelation 2-3)
- “Those that are to take place after this...” (Revelation 4-22)