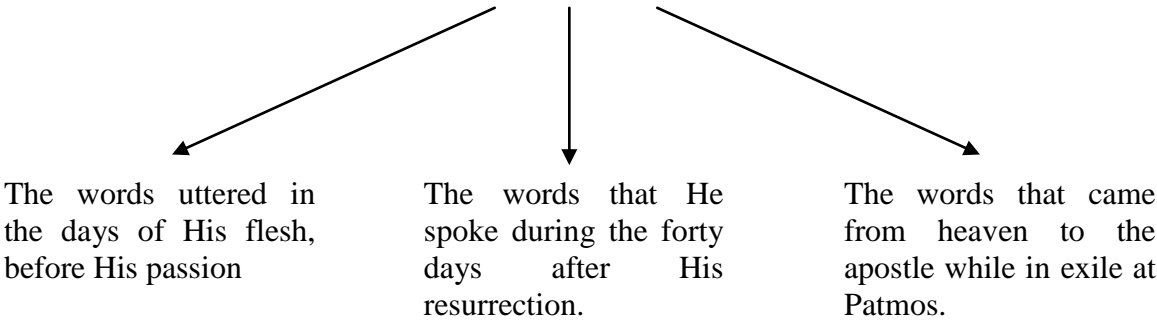


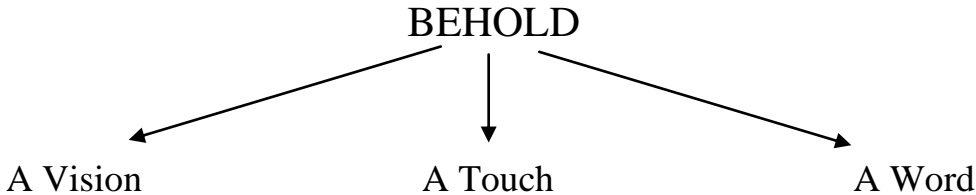
UNVEILING CHRIST AS KING

Taken from Barnhouse

We can divide our Lord's teaching about Himself into 3 parts, in chronological order:



During the 40 days after the Resurrection, the teachings concerning Himself were in advance of those which preceded it (Luke 24:46-47; Dakes). And those on "The Lord's Day" were greater than all the rest!



A Vision

‘I saw ... one like unto the Son of Man.’ Where? “In the midst of the seven candlesticks.

- *“Clothed with a garment down to the feet.”* His being clothed with a garment down to his feet is best explained by the clothing of a priest and _____, like Aaron’s robe being designed “for glory and beauty” (Exodus 28:2).
- *“His face did shine as the sun”.* Countenance was familiar although it gleamed with a splendor that was concealed on earth, except when to the favored three He was transfigured on the mount.
- *“He had about His breasts a golden girdle”.* The mark of royal state and the emblem of dignified repose.
- *“His head and His hair were white as white wool.”* This signifies His prerogatives of majesty and glory.
- *“His eyes were as a flame of fire, piercing men through and through”* burning up all hypocritical pretence. This symbolizes eternity, wisdom, and omniscience.
- *“His feet like unto burnished brass.”* This symbolizes firmness, might, and splendor immutability and omnipotence.
- *“His voice was of unutterable majesty as the sound of many waters”* representing commanding authority.
- *“In His right hand were seven stars.”* He was holding those who have the responsibility in His church, in a place of security, honor and renown. The overseers of the churches are Christ’s special care.
- *“Out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword.”* The sword of the living Word, which, with its diacritic power, is two-edged.

It would not accord with the reverence due to our glorified Lord to attempt to transfer to canvas the synopsis here employed. Rather is it to us to apprehend, spiritually, the meaning of each, and transfer that to our heart and conscience. And if this be done wisely and reverently, our eyes will ‘see’ “the Lord of Glory.”

A Touch

Although there is no reason to suppose that the Lord appeared in the fullness of His glory to John, yet the vision was more than he could bear

“I fell at His feet as one dead”

It is in mercy to us that so much of the glory of the Savior is concealed from us. We could no more hear to see it in its fullness than our eyes could hear to gaze on the splendors of the noonday sun. Hence it is necessary for us that as yet we should ‘see’ only as through a glass darkly (us). But in the case of the apostle, the fact of his being so overpowered by the disclosure was the occasion for a fresh display of divine tenderness in a touch of love.

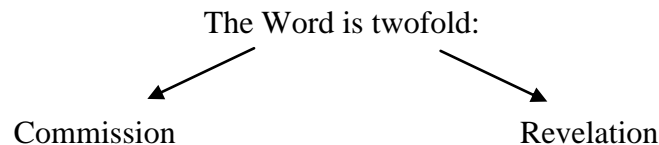
“He laid His right hand on me”

There was in this touch an assurance of divine regard, in spite of the apostle’s sense of his own unworthiness.

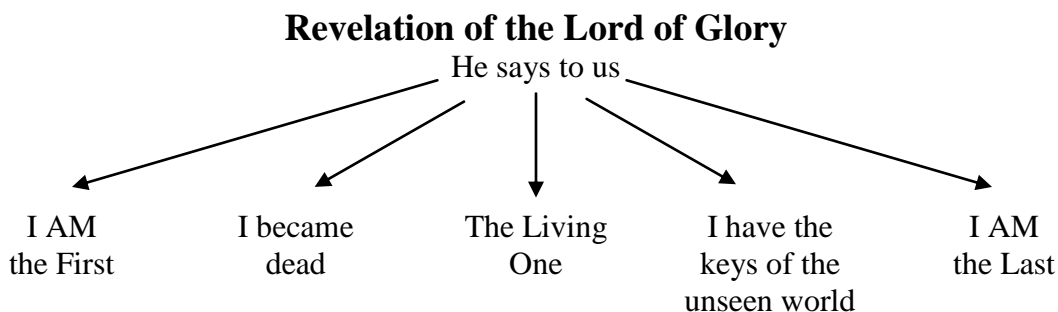
- There was an expression of love.
- There was an impartation of power which revived and recruited the drooping and exhausted frame.

If Jesus is apart from us, we are soon overpowered. But if he comes with a vivifying touch, making us feel how truly we belong to him, and how closely we are bound up with dearest interest of His heart, this revives us. We live again. We can look up anew, and wait joyfully for the **sound of His voice**.

A Word



- Commission: “I AM the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, and what you see, write in a book!”
- Revelation: This is a marvelously comprehensive revealing of the Lord of Glory. It includes five disclosures.



1. I AM the First

What He was from eternity. “I am the First”, here the Lord identifies Himself with the living God who spoke by the prophets. There cannot be two firsts! He who is the First, He who is the First is Jehovah, **Lord of Hosts!**

Lord of Hosts (Hebrew: Yahweh Sabaoth; God of the universe and ruler of the armies of heaven) is a name for God first used here in the Old Testament. It

expresses the infinite power and resources with which God acts for His people (Spirit Filled Life Bible; I Samuel 1:3).

“That God is well able to perform all He has promised can be gathered from the wealth of meaning wrapped up in another Jehovah title, namely Jehovah-Isabaoth, ‘The Lord of hosts’ (I Samuel 1:3).

‘This is God’s host... Manhanaim.’ Genesis 32:2

‘A great host like the host of God.’ I Chronicles 12:22

‘Over the host of the Lord.’ I Chronicles 9:19

‘Very jealous for the Lord God of hosts.’ I Kings 19:10

‘The Lord of hosts is with us.’ Psalm 46:7, 11

‘Go forth with our hosts.’ Psalm 108:11

‘The Lord of hosts is His name.’ Amos 5:27

‘The Lord of Sabaoth.’ Romans 9:29

‘The Lord of hosts He is the King of Glory.’ Psalm 24:7, 10

Is not the plural used in this divine designation so full of encouragement for our hearts? Does it not indicate God’s sovereignty in every realm, and therefore His ability to fulfill every promise of His on our behalf? He not only “Lord” but the “Lord of Hosts,” all hosts! He is Lord of the angelic hosts above. Having created all angelic beings, they carry out His will and purpose on our behalf, as Hezekiah learned when one angel slew those 185,000 Assyrians. God is also the Lord of all the feathered hosts of the sky. His power brought the birds into being and they willingly act as His messengers when needed, as Elijah discovered when the ravens fed him. God is likewise the Lord of all the stellar hosts, sun, moon and stars, they are His handiwork and having created them, He can control them, as Joshua realized when God made the sun to stand still as he fought to victory over the Amalekites. Then, God is Lord over all human hosts, and would have us cease from fearing man, whose breath is in his nostrils. As to all hellish hosts, is not God supreme in this realm too? Who is the devil? He is only a dog on a leash and cannot go any further than divine permission, as the God of Job teaches.

With such a great God to back up any word of His why should we fear anyone or anything? May grace be ours to encourage ourselves in all that is in Himself!

From All the Promises of the Bible by Herbert Lockyer

2. I Became Dead

What He became “in time” “I was dead,” the Greek is “I became dead.” Into this new experience He entered by means of His incarnation in human form. As man, He died. The infinite st_____ experience of dying, by reason of the humiliation to which He stooped and of the s_____ beneath which He groaned.

3. The Living One

What He is when John saw Him “The Living One.” He was no more in the hold of death. He had come out victoriously on the other side, and He had left death behind Him forever and forever the Life of the Lord cannot be derived, or He would not be “The First”. He lives and gives life “He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” “I am alive forevermore.”

4. I have the Keys of the Unseen World

What office presently He holds. “I have the keys of the unseen world.” He has the “keys”, “the spacious world unseen is His.”

5. I Am the Last

The Savior discloses what He will be at “The end.” “I am the Last.” He shall give up the kingdom to God, ever His Father and thus close His mediatorial work; yet then, He will be the everlasting Son of the Father!

Fear Not!

Christ demands reverence; but He would not have us dread Him. He would not terrify us. But that sublime and transcendent greatness that would crush us if wielded by power alone, becomes, in the sway of His tender love, a refuge and pavilion in which we can hide! What can we not entrust to such a Redeemer? We can run no risk when we are in His keeping. We know whom we have believed, and we are persuaded that He is able to keep that which we have committed to Him against that day.

We are
Ambassadors
of the
King of Kings!

New Creation Reality

From Spirit Filled Life Bible

Dominion forever and ever. Amen Revelation 1:5-6

In the opening of Revelation, John introduces himself as a brother and companion in the struggle we all face (verse 9). His words “in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ” point to the dual facts of Christ’s present kingdom triumph and ongoing presence of evil and warfare that exact the patience of the church in the kingdom advances among and through us. In prefacing the broad arenas of prophecy about to be unfolded, John addresses two very important present truths:

1. We, Christ’s redeemed, are loved and are washed from our sins – a present state (verse 6).
2. We, through His glorious dominion, have been designated “kings and priests” to God – also a present calling. Thus, these dual offices give perspective on our authority and duty and how we most effectively may advance the kingdom of God.

First, we are said to be kings in the sense that under the Kings of kings we are the new breed – the reborn, to whom God has delegated authority to extend and administrate the powers of His rule. Of course, this involves faithful witness to the gospel in the power of the Spirit and loving service to humanity in the love of God. But it also involves confrontation with dark powers of hell, assertive prayer warfare, and an expectation of the miraculous works of God (II Corinthians 10:3-5; Ephesians 6:10-20; I Corinthians 2:4). However, this authority is only fully accomplished in the spirit of praiseful worship, as we exercise the office of “priests.” Some translations read, “a kingdom of priests,” which emphasizes that he rule is only effective when the priestly mission is faithfully attended. Worship is foundational to kingdom advance. The power of the believer before God’s throne, worshiping the Lamb and exalting in the Holy Spirit of praise, is mightily confounding to the Adversary. See Exodus 19:5-7 and Psalm 22:3.

Going Deeper

“King”

from All The Names of Christ, by Frances H. Derk

This is probably the most august and far-reaching of His titles. Old and New Testament carry out this idea:

Acts 17:7 Jason has harbored them, and these are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king—Jesus.

Isaiah 6:5 So I said: “Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts.

John 12:41 These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.

He is a King by divine prerogative. Designed as the King of Glory:

Psalm 24:7-10 Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah

Psalm 50:1-5 The Mighty One, God the Lord, has spoken and called the earth from the rising of the sun to its going down. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will shine forth. Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent; a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous all around Him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that He may judge His people: “Gather My saints together to Me, those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.”

Acts 22:11 And since I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of those who were with me, I came into Damascus.

I Corinthians 2:8 which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

II Corinthians 3:10 For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels.

Ephesians 4:9

Philippians 2:9-11

Luke 2:32

Hebrews 1:3

Hebrews 2:7

John 12:41

John 17:5

He is pictured as enthroned

Psalm 2:6 Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.

Ephesians 1:20-22

He is the Eternal King

Micah 5:2

I Timothy 1:7 *Desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.*

In relation to Israel He is the King of Israel

Matthew 27:42
Mark 15:32
John 1:49
John 12:13

He is God's King

Genesis 49:10
Numbers 24:17
I Samuel 2:9-10
Psalm 2:6
Acts 13:33

A prophesied King

Zechariah 9:9
Matthew 21:5
John 12:15
Isaiah 6:5
John 12:38-41

He is the covenant King

II Samuel 7:4-16
I Chronicles 17:10-14
II Samuel 23:1-5

This is based on the covenant God made with David. His human claim was valid, yet the Old Testament teaches that King Messiah is far above human attainment:

Psalm 2:1-7 Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, "Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision. Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure: "Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion." "I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You.

John 1:49

Isaiah 9:6-7

Isaiah 11:1

Acts 15:14-17

Psalm 89:35-36 Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David: His seed shall endure forever, and his throne as the sun before Me.

Jeremiah 23:5
Jeremiah 33:15
Zechariah 12:8
Matthew 9:27
Matthew 12:23
Matthew 15:22
Matthew 21:9
Matthew 22:41
Mark 10:47
Luke 1:31-33
Acts 2:30
Acts 2:36
Acts 13:23
Romans 1:3

He was indeed the King of the Jews, the Messianic King

Isaiah 32:1 *Behold, a king will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule with justice.*
Isaiah 33:17 *Your eyes will see the King in His beauty; they will see the land that is very far off.*
Isaiah 33:22 *For the Lord is our Judge, the Lord is our Lawgiver, the Lord is our King; he will save us.*
Isaiah 43:15 *I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.”*
Isaiah 44:6 *Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: ‘I am the First and I am the Last; besides Me there is no God.*

Ezekiel 37:22, 24
Matthew 2:2
Matthew 27:11
Matthew 27:19
Mark 15:26

His Kingdom was not of this world

John 18:36
I Timothy 6:13-15 *I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, 14that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ’s appearing, 15which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords.*

But, His Kingdom was of the Kingdom of God and heaven, of which He spoke so much

I Timothy 1:17 *Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.*

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He is Priest-King of the Church

Psalms 110 *The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool." The Lord shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power; in the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, you have the dew of Your youth. The Lord has sworn and will not relent, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." The Lord is at Your right hand; he shall execute kings in the day of His wrath. He shall judge among the nations, he shall fill the places with dead bodies, he shall execute the heads of many countries. He shall drink of the brook by the wayside; therefore He shall lift up the head.*

Hebrews 7:1-3

Believers are a "royal priesthood"

I Peter 2:9

Revelation 1:6 *and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

In relation to the world He is pictured in a different light. In contrast He is a righteous King

Isaiah 32:1 *Behold, a king will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule with justice.*

Hebrews 7:2

Psalms 72:1-4 *Give the king Your judgments, O God, and Your righteousness to the king's Son. He will judge Your people with righteousness, and Your poor with justice. The mountains will bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness. He will bring justice to the poor of the people; he will save the children of the needy, and will break in pieces the oppressor.*

John 18:37-38

John 19:3-6

He is a King by right of conquest

I Corinthians 15:24-28 *Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. 25For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. 26The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. 27For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under Him," it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. 28Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.*

Ephesians 4:8

Colossians 2:15

Revelation 17:14 *These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.*

Revelation 19:16 *And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.*

He is the "King of Kings"

Psalm 89:27 *Also I will make him My firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.*

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I Timothy 6:15 *Which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords.*

Revelation 1:5 *And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.*

Revelation 17:14 *These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.*

Revelation 19:6-16 *And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he*

said to me, "These are the true sayings of God." And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:

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