



Lesson 50 – The Revelation

Based on The Revelation

In the days of the apostles the Christian believers were filled with earnestness and enthusiasm. So untiringly did they labor for their Master that in a comparatively short time, notwithstanding fierce opposition, the gospel of the kingdom was sounded to all the inhabited parts of the earth.

1) What did Jesus declare about the Early Christian Church?

Revelation 2:2-3 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are _____, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast _____ thy first love.

The Lord Jesus used the church at Ephesus as a symbol of the entire Christian church in the apostolic age.

2) What was their message to the world?

Luke 2:14 _____ to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

At the first, the experience of the church at Ephesus was marked with childlike simplicity and fervor. The believers sought earnestly to obey every word of God, and their lives revealed an earnest, sincere love for Christ. They rejoiced to do the will of God because the Saviour was in their hearts as an abiding presence. Filled with love for their Redeemer, their highest aim was to win souls to Him. They did not think of hoarding the precious treasure of the grace of Christ.

But after a time, the zeal of the believers began to wane, and their love for God and for one another grew less. Coldness crept into the church. Some forgot the wonderful manner in which they had received the truth. One by one the old standard-bearers fell at their post. Some of the younger workers, who might have shared the burdens of these pioneers, and thus have been prepared for wise leadership, had become weary of oft-repeated truths. In their desire for something novel and startling they attempted to introduce new phases of doctrine, more pleasing to many minds, but not in harmony with the fundamental principles of the gospel.

3) What did God do to stay this growing coldness?

Revelation 1:10-11 I was in the Spirit on the _____, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, _____ in a _____, 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.

Revelation 1:12-13 And I turned to see the _____ that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the _____ of _____, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

It was at this critical time in the history of the church that John was sentenced to banishment. Never had his voice been needed by the church as now. Nearly all his former associates in the ministry had suffered martyrdom. The remnant of believers was facing fierce opposition. To all outward appearance the day was not far distant when the enemies of the church of Christ would triumph.

In exiling John, the enemies of truth had hoped to silence forever the voice of God's faithful witness; but on Patmos the disciple received a message, the influence of which was to continue to strengthen the church till the end of time. Though not released from the responsibility of their wrong act, those who banished John became instruments in the hands of God to carry out Heaven's purpose; and the very effort to extinguish the light placed the truth in bold relief.



4) What did Jesus look like at Calvary?

Isaiah 52:14 As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so _____ more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:

5) How did He appear on Patmos?

Revelation 1:14-16 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a _____ of _____; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many _____. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the _____ shineth in his strength.

6) What happened to John at this moment?

Revelation 1:17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as _____. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not...

John was strengthened to live in the presence of his glorified Lord. Then before his wondering vision were opened the glories of heaven. He was permitted to see the throne of God and, looking beyond the conflicts of earth, to behold the white-robed throng of the redeemed. He heard the music of the heavenly angels and the triumphant songs of those who had overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony. In the revelation given to him there was unfolded scene after scene of thrilling interest in the experience of the people of God, and the history of the church foretold to the very close of time.

7) What blessing did Jesus give to all who read the Revelation?

Revelation 1:3 Blessed is he that _____, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and _____ those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

8) What curses are upon people who change this message?

Revelation 22:18-19 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall _____ unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall _____ his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

9) What book is a compliment to the Revelation?

Daniel 12:4 But thou, O _____, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

In the Revelation all the books of the Bible meet and end. Here is the complement of the book of Daniel. One is a prophecy; the other a revelation. The book that was sealed is not the Revelation, but that portion of the prophecy of Daniel relating to the last days.

10) What did God want us to know?

Revelation 1:19-20 Write the things which thou hast _____, and the things which are, and the things which shall be _____; The mystery of the seven _____ 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.

The names of the seven churches are symbolic of the church in different periods of the Christian Era. The number seven indicates completeness and is symbolic of the fact that the messages extend to the end of time, while the symbols used reveal the condition of the church at different periods in the history of the world.

11) How did the Revelation begin?

Revelation 2:1 Unto the angel of the church of _____ write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;



Christ is represented as holding the seven stars in His right hand. This assures us that no church faithful to its trust need fear coming to nought, for not a star that has the protection of Omnipotence can be plucked out of the hand of Christ.

Through them His light is to shine forth. The Saviour is to be their efficiency. If they will look to Him as He looked to the Father they will be enabled to do His work. As they make God their dependence, He will give them His brightness to reflect to the world.

12) What warning did he give the church in Ephesus?

Revelation 2:5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and _____, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

Early in the history of the church the mystery of iniquity foretold by the apostle Paul began its baleful work; and as the false teachers concerning whom Peter had warned the believers, urged their heresies, many were ensnared by false doctrines. Some faltered under trial and were tempted to give up the faith. At the time when John was given this revelation, many had lost their first love of gospel truth. But in His mercy God did not leave the church to continue in a backslidden state.

13) What promise is given to every penitent believer?

Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and _____: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

14) Sardis was in conflict, what did Jesus tell them?

Revelation 3:2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which _____, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

15) What did He tell the church of Philadelphia?

Revelation 3:8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can _____ it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

Revelation 3:10-11 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of _____, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly: _____ that _____ which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

16) How did John declare himself at this point in his life?

Revelation 1:9 I John, who also am your _____, and _____ in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ...

It was through one who declared himself to be a **“brother, and companion in tribulation” (Revelation 1:9)**, that Christ revealed to His church the things that they must suffer for His sake. Looking down through long centuries of darkness and superstition, the aged exile saw multitudes suffering martyrdom because of their love for the truth. But he saw also that He who sustained His early witnesses would not forsake His faithful followers during the centuries of persecution that they must pass through before the close of time.

17) What counsel was given for God's people?

Revelation 2:10 Fear _____ of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou _____ unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

18) What is given to those who strive against evil?

Revelation 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the _____ of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.



Revelation 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of _____, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Revelation 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my _____, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

19) What glorious vision filled John's heart with joy?

Revelation 15:2-3 And I saw as it were a _____ of _____ mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of _____ the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

John saw the mercy, the tenderness, and the love of God blending with His holiness, justice, and power. He saw sinners finding a Father in Him of whom their sins had made them afraid. And looking beyond the culmination of the great conflict, he beheld them upon Zion.

20) What symbol was Jesus presented as in Chapter 5?

Revelation 5:5-6 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the _____ of the tribe of _____, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a _____ as it had been _____, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

These symbols represent the union of omnipotent power and self-sacrificing love. The Lion of Judah, so terrible to the rejectors of His grace, will be the Lamb of God to the obedient and faithful. The pillar of fire that speaks terror and wrath to the transgressor of God's law is a token of light and mercy and deliverance to those who have kept His commandments. The arm strong to smite the rebellious will be strong to deliver the loyal.

21) What did Jesus promise?

Matthew 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall _____ together his _____ from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

In comparison with the millions of the world, God's people will be, as they have ever been, a little flock; but if they stand for the truth as revealed in His word, God will be their refuge. They stand under the broad shield of Omnipotence. **God is always a majority.**

22) What promise should we never forget?

1 Corinthians 15:54-55 So when this corruptible shall have put on _____, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O _____, where is thy victory?

Standing then with God, with Christ, with the angels, and with the loyal and true of all ages, the children of God will be far in the majority.

23) What did John write about our future?

Revelation 22:5 And there shall be no _____ there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the _____ giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

24) What promise of Jesus will have come to pass?

Matthew 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye _____ of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Matthew 25:21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou _____ and _____ servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou.



The vision of the prophet pictures them as standing on Mount Zion, girt for holy service, clothed in white linen, which is the righteousness of the saints. But all who follow the Lamb in heaven must first have followed Him on earth, not fretfully or capriciously, but in trustful, loving, willing obedience, as the flock follows the shepherd. into the joy of thy lord.

25) What are the future plans for the earth?

Revelation 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of _____, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Revelation 21:10-11 Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a _____ most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve _____ of the children of Israel:

Revelation 21:21-22 And the twelve gates were twelve _____; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure _____, as it were transparent glass. And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

Revelation 22:3-5 And there shall be no more _____: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their _____. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 22:1-2 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as _____, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the _____ of _____, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

26) How are we given permission to enter?

Revelation 22:14 Blessed are they that do his _____, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. Revelation 21:3

Can you see God REALLY loves you?

Would you like to be there in that great congregation?

When does your new life begin?