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Looking into the Eyes of King Jesus

Revelation 1:9-20





# Revelation 1:14

His eyes were like a flame of fire

# I. God Reveals His Plans for the Future vv. 9-11.

<sup>9</sup> I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus <sup>10</sup> I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup> saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.

- We know God's plan because He chose to reveal it to us.

## II. God Wants us to See Jesus as He really is vv. 12-16.

<sup>12</sup> Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe & with a golden sash around His chest.

<sup>14</sup> The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup> his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

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- A. Jesus is the King, the Almighty One & the only One who really is in control.
- B. The first place Jesus casts His gaze is upon the churches in chapters 2 & 3.



### III. God's Will is that We Surrender to King Jesus vv. 17-18.

<sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup> and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades

- A. Just like Isaiah before Him, when John beheld Jesus as He really is, he was terrified.
- B. When we see Jesus as He really is we fear Him & surrender.
- C. Jesus holds our lives in His hands. Including the day that you die & what happens to you after you die.

## IV. God Will Judge How We respond to Him vv. 19-20.

<sup>19</sup> Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. <sup>20</sup> As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches

# Jesus has Something to Say to the Church—I See You—Revelation 2:19-23

<sup>19</sup> “I know your works, your love & faith and service & patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. <sup>20</sup> But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess & is teaching & seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality & to eat food sacrificed to idols. <sup>21</sup> I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality.



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<sup>22</sup> Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, <sup>23</sup> and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind & heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works.

## V. Jesus sees tells the faithful to Remain Faithful— Revelation 2:24-29.

<sup>24</sup> But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden. <sup>25</sup> Only hold fast what you have until I come. <sup>26</sup> The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, <sup>27</sup> and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father. <sup>28</sup> And I will give him the morning star. <sup>29</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'