

Sermon Title: The Revelation of the Judge

Sermon Text: Revelation 1:1-6

Sermon Purpose: To call the hearer to a diligent, disciplined, dedicated living, based on the past, present, and future revelation of Jesus Christ.

Sermon Proposition: There are 3 concepts to be understood about the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Introduction: Revelation provides a message of hope: God is in sovereign control of all the events of human history, and though evil often seems pervasive and wicked men all powerful, their ultimate doom is certain. Christ will come to rule.

I. The opening address of the Judge. V.1-2

- A. The source of proclaimed truth. V.1a
2 Peter 3:8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.
2 Peter 1:20-21 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, **21** for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.
- B. The purpose of proclaimed truth. V.1b
- C. The messenger of proclaimed truth. V.1c-2

II. The opening affirmation of the Judge. V.3

- A. The promise of blessing for the reader of the prophecy. V.3a
- B. The promise of blessing for the receiver of the prophecy. V.3b
- C. The promise of blessing for the responder of the prophecy. V.3c (**Matthew 7:24-28**)
James 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

III. The opening acknowledgment of the Judge. V.4-6

- A. The jurisdiction of the Judge. V.4a
- B. The legacy of the Judge. V.4b (**Zechariah 4:1-10**)
Isaiah 11:2-3 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. **3** His delight *is* in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;
- C. The honesty of the Judge. V.5a
John 14:9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"
- D. The heritage of the Judge. V.5b
Colossians 1:18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.
- E. The authority of the Judge. V.5c

- F. The compassion of the Judge. V.5d
Hebrews 4:14-16 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. **15** For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. **16** Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- G. The verdict of the Judge. V.6

Conclusion: Only the book of Daniel rivals this book in declaring that God providentially rules over the kingdoms of men and He will accomplish His sovereign purposes regardless of human or demonic opposition.