

“Seeing What You Heard”

Revelation 1:12-20

Intro:

* Talk about hearing a voice behind you and turning around to see the voice you heard.

* Illustration:

* This is exactly what happens to John while in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day in **1:10-12**

Reflecting on the Word: What does John see when he turns around?

1. Description of Jesus (1:12-16)

12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands;---**1 Peter 4:17; Exodus 25:37; 37:23; Zechariah 4:2**

13 and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash.---**Daniel 7:9-14**

14 His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire.

15 His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters.

16 In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength. **Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36**

2. Declaration from Jesus (1:17-18)

17 When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last,---**Daniel 10:9-12**

18 and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.---**Luke 16:19-31**

3. Directive/Description by Jesus (1:19-20)

19 “Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things.---**Revelation 1:1-2**

20 “As for the mystery of the seven stars which 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.

Responding to the Word:

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Word Studies

- **Turned:** To turn around abruptly; Aorist Indicative Active
- **See:** To perceive by sight or have power to perceive by sight; Present Infinitive Active
- **Speaking:** To express in speech; Imperfect Indicative Active
- **Girded:** To be or become fastened (state) with a belt (or similar device) for securing one's clothing usually in preparation for strenuous activity or labor; Perfect Middle/Passive Participle
- **Sash:** Belt, band, tie or buckle around the body usually at the waist to secure clothing
- **White:** Being of the achromatic color of maximum lightness or no hue owing to reflection of almost all incident light; bright, gleaming, shining, radiant
- **Burnished Bronze:** A high quality precious yellowish metal, electrum, burnished bronze or a combination of the two
- **Made to Glow:** To be fired or refined in a kiln and become freed from impurities by processing through extreme heat; Perfect Passive Participle
- **Furnace:** A furnace or kiln for firing or burning such things as bricks or metals
- **Sharp:** Having or made with a thin edge or sharp point suitable for cutting or piercing
- **Fell:** To lose an upright position suddenly, prostrate; Aorist Indicative Active
- **Afraid:** To fear or be anxious or apprehensive about a situation or event; Present Imperative Middle/Passive
- **First:** First, preceding all others in time or space or degree, prominent
- **Last:** Last, coming after all others in time, space or degree or being the only one remaining
- **I Am:** To have the quality of being, exist; Present Indicative Active
- **Have:** To have or possess either in concrete or abstract sense; Present Indicative Active
- **Hades:** Grave, understood as the location that holds every human body prisoner at death
- **Write:** To communicate or express by writing; Aorist Imperative Active
- **Seen:** To perceive by sight or have power to perceive by sight; Aorist Indicative Active
- **Are:** To have the quality of being; Present Indicative active
- **Will:** To be about to, imminent or impending, occur soon, inevitable, destined; Present Indicative Active
- **Take Place:** To happen, come about or come to pass; Aorist Middle Infinitive
- **Mystery:** A secret whose concerned party is deity alone and those whom he chooses to share the information especially concerning the method and history of God's redemption or other supernatural information
- **Angel:** A supernatural being created by God to serve Him and often functions as a messenger, envoy, one sent