

**problem:**

familiarity breeds contempt. matt 13:53-58 (nadab abihu strange fire, uzzah ark of God)

the fear of the Lord is good for us. not only because it is the beginning of wisdom (proverbs) but because it is the antidote for the fear of everything else

**main idea:**

look past your present trouble  
to the unveiling of Jesus Christ  
and worship  
in reverence and awe

**implication:**

john the beloved disciple fell as though dead

**application:**

the gospel does not stop with our salvation but with our awe

Text:

**look past your present troubles**

Rev. 1:9 ¶ 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.

Rev. 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet

Rev. 1:11 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."

*partner in tribulation - diocletian, exile great trib (relevant in any stuff.)*

*churches on circular Roman postal route - Rev 1:3-4; 22:10, 16-19*

**to the unveiling of Jesus Christ**

Rev. 1:12 ¶ **Then I turned to see** the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning **I saw** seven golden lampstands,

Rev. 1:13 and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.

Rev. 1:14 The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire,

Rev. 1:15 his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters.

Rev. 1:16 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.

*7 lampstands (not tabernacle menorah) symbolism - rev 1:20*

*one like Son of Man - Dan 7:9-14; 10:1-6*

*golden sash - exodus 28:4; lev 16:4 (around waist for work)*

*->Heb 8:1-2 (priest king)*

*hair - eternity and wisdom (dan 7:9) (prov 16:31)*

*eyes - penetrating knowledge - (jer 17:9-10)*

*feet - refined and perfect - (Ex 27:1-2; 30:17-21); dan 3:24-25*

*voice - unstoppable - (ezek 43:2)*

*hand - (Rev 1:12, 20) - messengers = (luke 7:24)(pastors- read aloud 1:3)  
mouth - dividing, judging -> Isaiah 11:4; 49:2; Rev 19:21; 2 thess 2:8; heb 4:12  
face - terrifying presence - (ex 34:29-33)*

**and worship**

Rev. 1:17 ¶ **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,

Rev. 1:18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

**implication:** *fell as though dead - Isa 6:1-5; dan 10:4-10; Ezek 1:26-2:2; 43:1-3  
even john the beloved disciple - Jn 13:23*

**in reverence and awe**

**application:** *the gospels never describe the physical description of Jesus - this is it  
we must regard Him not according to flesh 2 Cor 5:16  
the gospel does not stop with our salvation  
but with our worshiping - Col 1:15-20,  
in reverence and awe - Hebrews 12:28-29*

**articles for further study:**

<https://www.gty.org/blog/B160812>

<http://www.ligonier.org/blog/holiness-christ/>