

Title: The Son At the Center

Text: Rev 1:9-16, Dan 7:9-10, 13-14.

I. The Author (9).

A. The author described:

1. Brother
2. Fellow partaker of ...
3. Application: it's a package deal we cannot pick and chose.

B. Why he was there.

1. John's world view is God centered.
2. Application: our circumstances do not have the power to define us. Why are you where you are?

II. The command to write (10-11).

A. Context of the command: is communion with God.

B. John's reason for writing is the command of God.

C. Application: if you want to hear from God commune with Him.

1. Give God the very best time you have everyday.
2. Seek to form meaning connections with God in a variety of ways.

III. The Son at the Center (12-16).

A. Where is Jesus standing? At the center of what? (12)

1. Jesus Christ is central to the Church.
2. We should order our lives to reflect the reality that Jesus is intimately involved in his churches.

B. Divine attire: (13b)

1. Look at Jesus' clothes.
2. Application: what the world has taken the Lord can give back in glorified form.

C. Divine physiognomy (Rev 1:14-16)

1. Background to the Son of Man.

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14.

2. Son of Man: is a title of exaltation and glorification.

3. His hair (14a)

4. His eyes.(14b) This is the piercing and penetrating gaze of God.

5. His feet (15a) stability and strength.

6. His voice (15b) The voice of many waters or a voice of tumult or storm point to the same thing a consuming noise that can not be ignored.

Illustration: tsunamis in Tokyo.

7. His hands (16a) wait for what Todd has for you next week.

8. His mouth; (16b) "and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword"

a. The Word (logos of John 1:1) speaks the word, and it is powerful.

b. The Word of God speaks the word of judgment.  
Rev 19:1-15

c. In the end there is no interruption between God's word and reality. Things will end as they began.

d. Application: respond now to the word of God, to Jesus now while there is time. If you wait the price just keeps going up.

9. His face: 1:16c "and His face was like the sun shining in its strength."

a. Jesus is the center and his glory is going to shine.

b. Application: Order your life as a preparation for the day when you will stand before Christ and see His face. Engage in temporal realities with an eternal perspective.