



Jesus Is Holy

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READING: Revelation 1

"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, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.'" Revelation 1:17-18

Revelation 1:13-16 describes the vision John received from Jesus. This was not a meek and mild Jesus we might imagine. This Jesus was remarkable and awesome. His eyes were like blazing fire. His voice was like the sound of rushing waters, and His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. Seeing Jesus in all His glory was so powerful John fell at His feet in awe.

The vision of Jesus that John saw reminds me of some other encounters people in the Bible had with God.

The first was in Genesis 17:1-4 where it says, *"When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.' Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, 'Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations.'"*

Another is in Isaiah 6 where Isaiah says, *"Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"*

I know at times I tend to see Jesus more as a friend, a buddy, someone to hang out with. But the reality is He is so much more than that. Seeing Jesus as He is changes our perspective. When John, Abraham and Isaiah encountered the presence of our holy God, they realized quickly that were not worthy to be in His presence. They were sinful people. Yet God, through Jesus, made a way for us to have a relationship with Him. When we understand how powerful Jesus is and what He did for us, we can live in confidence that Jesus rose from the dead and has conquered death. He has the keys of Death and Hades!

When we admit Jesus is Lord and believe that He really did rise from the grave, we get to live with Jesus' power on our side!

PRAYER: Lord, help me see Your holiness. Help me see You as You truly are; my glorious Savior and King!

TOMORROW'S READING: Revelation 2

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