

## Chapter 8. CONSIDER REVELATION

John begins the book of Revelation by writing that he is being shown these things by Jesus, and these things are for His servants. Throughout the time that Jesus was here on earth, it is mentioned, frequently, that His servants were the ones who were present when Jesus spoke, healed, and did many miracles. His “servants” were the ones who shared His bread and wine before His crucifixion. His “servants” were the disciples. Read John 15.

We are admonished to “keep these things”, and I believe this says to us to write them down and read them often. They are for the seven churches from John, or if those admonitions are needed for us, then let us listen to them.

When the Scripture says, “Behold, He comes with clouds”, the word “behold” means take special note, or LOOK! Some “beholds” are to be seen, and others are to be “considered” or “pay attention”. We are able to consider these things, otherwise, why would He show them to us? He knows our understanding nature, and we show Him this by “beholding” what He has to say. That is why He shares these heavenly things with us. God rules eternity. Whenever He refers to things that are “seen and heard”, it is interesting He pairs the two together. Seeing and hearing are very great things God shares with us. I think He knows we enjoy seeing as well as hearing.

He says, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man hears my voice and opens the door I will come into him and sup with him and he with me.” Obviously, we will recognize his voice. Have you ever heard thunder? I think it may be like that, but with words. It seems that whatever we are told, He says it, knowing we will understand. He lets us understand.

When Jesus walked with the two disciples on their way to Emmaus, it says that, “He opened their understanding.” This is another gift of Jesus, that He will open our understanding, and we will know Him. They were **on the road, going somewhere. They were talking about what had happened.** It seems they were curious to sort out what it meant that Jesus had been crucified. I believe when we want to know something about the Lord, He lets us get the right information, not from an interpreter, but right from Him. If it’s in the Bible, it is the truth, and Jesus said, “The truth shall make you free”.

The first miracle that Jesus did was at the wedding in Cana when He turned the water into wine. Read that chapter: John 2. It says that when Jesus turned the water into wine, some did not know how He did that, “but His servants knew”! They got the privilege of witnessing that miracle. Another thought: a servant is always close by the Lord.

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