

Sunday Session 2 - October 20, 2013
"Wardrobe of Aristocracy" - (Revelation 1:13, 14)

Continuing from 1st Session, *The Doctrine of KENOSIS*:

Philippians 2:7 – *KENOSIS*

"Who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, and being made in the likeness of men"

- VI. FORM-SCHEMA – To carry out the Father's Plan for the 1st Advent, Jesus took upon himself the form of a man, relying on the Power of the Holy Spirit, and also upon the Word of God. That is why in Isaiah 11:2 some 700 years prior to the 1st advent, the prophet said of Jesus that *"the spirit of God would rest upon Him"*. In Hebrews we see that Jesus said "Lo, I come to do thy will, oh God." In the book of Matthew we see Jesus' total dependence upon the Word of God as He quotes scripture in all His answers to Satan's temptations of Him: *"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God"* (Deuteronomy 8:3); *"Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God"* (Deuteronomy 6:16); *"Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve"* (Deuteronomy 6:13, Deuteronomy 10:20)
- VII. PERSONAL CHOICE – Jesus Christ left this world by an act of His own choice, after He, by His own choice, underwent the greatest suffering ever experienced by anyone. He then dismissed His own spirit (Luke 23:46) into the presence of God; He sent His soul to paradise (Abraham's Bosom, Luke 16:22), and His body was placed in a tomb (Luke 23:53). These passages make clear the Trichotomous nature of our Lord's humanity. What He did for us was our Lord's own choice (John 10:27; John 10:17-18).

Revelation 1:13

"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."

υἶὸν ἀνθρώπου

Son of man

Jesus was born of a woman, thus is presented to us in the Bible as the "Son of man"; He is also from God, thus is presented as the "Son of God". He is presented in this first vision in the midst of the seven lamp stands as *"One like the son of man"*.

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John's vision presents our Lord 3 ways:

- I. Jesus Christ as the One Who controls history
- II. Jesus Christ as the Great High Priest
- III. Jesus Christ as the Sovereign Ruler of the universe

People individually and collectively are the products of their own decisions. Decisions produce environment, environment does not produce decisions.

Historical disaster results from wrong decisions. The nation falls when it fails to pass the prosperity test.

Jesus made a right decision, a personal choice. Jesus had to become humanity in order to solve the spiritual problem of mankind. There had to be perfect man, inside of a sphere of power that God provides, to bring our salvation. So he voluntarily submitted himself to the will of the Heavenly Father as perfect humanity, depending totally on the power sphere that is divine.

Hebrews 7:23

Every priest who represented man ceased their priesthood upon their death, but our Lord is the Great High Priest, whose priesthood never ends.

We as believers in Jesus Christ have an invisible part of our lives which must be functioning *apart from* human influence, influenced *solely* by the Word of God.

In John's vision, the Lord's golden sash was around His chest, not the waist... the reason is that this was representing His status as the Great High Priest.

The purpose of the book of Revelation is for us to become acquainted on a personal level with the Lord Jesus Christ.

So we see that John, out there on the Isle of Patmos, turned to see the Person from which the voice came. His head and his hair were white like wool; His eyes were like a flame of fire; His feet were like burnished bronze when caused to glow in a furnace; His voice was like the sound of "many waters"; and in his right hand (not left) He held seven stars; and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, His face like the sun shining in its strength...

And what did John do? Beginning in Revelation 1:17 we see that John fell at His feet as a dead man; and the Lord Jesus Christ laid his RIGHT hand upon John saying "*Don't be afraid... I'm the FIRST, and I am the LAST (and I am everything in between)*". This is what He says to us today. He promises that He will never leave or forsake us; that He will remain with us, all the way to the end of the world.