

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Revelation 19:10**.
- B. Some verses are easy to understand and apply, others are quite difficult to grasp. Some verses are understandable with just a few applications. Not so with our text tonight.
- C. One of the great things about this verse is its versatility. Revelation 19:10 is a verse with many good lessons in it, some great applications and understandings for the Bible student.

I. FIRST, WE ARE NOT TO WORSHIP ANGELS.

- A. John, for some reason bows down to the angel to worship him. But the angel says not to do that. One reason stated here is that the angel is a fellow-slave like John. Both John and the angel are of the same "rank" and cannot worship each other.
- B. The NT tells us why we should not worship angels (Col. 2:18; Heb. 2:16).
- C. Remember, the angel would not be worshipped (Rev. 19:10; 22:8,9) and neither would Peter (Ac. 10:25,26).

II. SECOND, THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS.

- A. Jesus himself spoke of this testimony, and that is He bears witness to the truth (Jn. 18:37).
- B. And this truth was given to Him by God (Jn. 8:28; 14:24).
- C. Jesus also bears witness to the truth of the OT prophecy (Jn. 5:39; Lk. 24:44-47).

III. THIRD, THIS TESTIMONY, HELD BY THE BRETHEN IS: WORSHIP GOD.

- A. One of the interesting points in the verse is whether this testimony is X's or just about X. If the brethren have it, it is about X, but if it is X's we follow His admonition: worship God.
- B. Jesus said that we are to worship God (Mt. 4:10).
- C. Why worship God? Because:
 - 1. Jesus is the life-principle of His own testimony!
 - 2. Jesus is the fulfillment of the OT.
 - 3. The word God, the image of God, and the love of God are all seen in JC.

IV. JESUS CHRIST IS THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY.

- A. In all probability the word spirit here is not referring to the HS. This use of the word has reference to the life-driving element or principle behind the prophecy (1Pet. 1:10-12).
- B. The life of Jesus Christ is the powerful example to us in all things (1Pet. 2:21).
- C. The power to do what is found in the epistles is found in the gospels (JC)!

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. What have we seen about this passage tonight?
- B. Four things:
 - 1. We are not to worship angels, they are fellow servants.
 - 2. The testimony of Jesus is about Himself and the truth.
 - 3. The testimony of the brethren is to worship God alone.
 - 4. JC is the spirit (life-driving force) of prophecy.
- C. This teaching lesson has its focus on Jesus. Is He your Savior?
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.