

“The Place of Prophecy”

Revelation 1-3

INTRODUCTION

- the reason why prophetic truth is given to us...
 - not to entertain
 - not to inform
 - + but to make us holy.

2 Pet. 1:3, 19

1. The reason for the revelation

- occasion for the revelation
- “he who has an ear, let him hear...”
Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22

2. The effects of the revelation

- focus on the “main things”
 - + doctrine

2:14-16, 20

+ practice
2:2-4, 10

+ warnings

+ promises
2:7, 11, 17, 26, 3:5, 21

- Jesus focuses on my deeds

*By my ‘good deeds’ I cannot be saved;
without my ‘good deeds’ I will not be saved.*

+ a sobering truth to humble us
Rev. 14:13; 1 Cor. 3:8

+ a reassuring truth to encourage us
Mt. 25:37-40

- I focus on the fight against the world, the flesh, the devil

“overcome”
2:7, 11, 17, 26, 3:5, 12, 21

*“I fear much for many professing Christians. I see no sign of fighting in them, much less victory. They never strike one stroke on the side of Christ. They are at peace with His enemies. They have no quarrel with sin. I warn you, this is not Christianity. This is not the way to heaven.”
– J.C. Ryle*

CONCLUSION