

you this morning the things in it that are perfectly clear and that no one has any excuse for neglecting. The first chapter of the book gives a vision of the Risen Lord. Now this is a highly symbolical picture, this picture of the risen Lord, but any one who is saved through the Lord Jesus Christ is tremendously interested in His earthly life, but is even more interested in Him as He is today, in Him as the glorified Saviour, in what He is going to be in the future to us, and this picture of the way that Christ appeared to John who had known Him in the flesh, John the beloved disciple who had leaned on His bosom, at the table, the one who knew Him most intimately, read the description here of the impression that Jesus Christ made upon ~~it~~ him in this vision, and it will give you an idea of the impression that you should have of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Someone asked me just the other day, is it right to call Jesus our elder brother? She had been--observed how fundamental circles were always talking about Jesus our Elder Brother--is that right, she asked? Well, I told her ~~it~~ I would look into the Scripture and see if I found such a usage. Now I have not hunted thoroughly, but I have not come across or thought of any case where the Scripture speaks of Jesus our elder Brother. The nearest to it I've thought of is when it speaks of us as heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. Well, there is a relationship to Christ. He is the Head of us but in what way? He died for our sins, he won for us eternal life, and we are joint heirs with Him because He receives us into the blessings that He has won for us by His death on Calvary's cross, so we are joint-heirs with Christ, and there may be a sense in which He is our elder Brother, but there is also a sense in which He is our Father. He is God. He is our Father. There is a very real sense of that, but in any event, Jesus Christ is so far supreme above any man that ever lived, so ~~he~~ high and lofty in His character compared to any man you can ever find anywhere, that it is important that we feel the tremendous awe that we should be in as we stand before the God who gave Himself for our sins, the God who rose from the dead for our justification, the God who is today at the right hand of the