

Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*



Worship Guide for June 13, 2021

Sermon Notes

The Mighty Angel and the Little Scroll

Revelation 10

The intensity of the judgment scenes is overwhelming. The seals and the trumpets bring forth the terrifying judgment of God on the natural world (green vegetation, the oceans, the fresh water, the sun/moon/stars). Next a demonic horde is unleashed from the Abyss to torment the people like a plague of locusts and scorpions. They cry out to be spared from such torment, longing to die, but such relief is not given to them. Then as the sixth trumpet is blown a demonic army is released “to kill a third of mankind” (Rev 9:15). Those who survive still refuse to repent of their idolatry and immorality.

Only those sealed by God are safe and able to stand in the face of this fierce wrath. But as we see in today’s passage, those who are sealed are also sent.

As if the Spirit knows we need a break from the unfolding apocalyptic drama, we have an ‘intermission’ in chapters ten and eleven. This interlude between the seventh trumpet and the bowls of judgment is another dramatic pause similar to what we saw in chapter 7. This interlude serves as a reminder to the church of what we are called to do as a part of God’s unfolding plan of redemption. John’s encounter with the mighty angel and the little scroll is the basis for his re-commissioning to the proclamation of God’s Word. It is a ministry of life and death, or as the apostle John records in Revelation 10:9-10, it is bitter and sweet.

In today’s passage we see a reflection of God’s glory in the mighty angel. We see the world-wide authority of God’s Word and then, just like Ezekiel (2:9-3:9) and just like John, that word must be consumed and assimilated into the depth of our lives so we can then take that bitter-sweet message out to the world’s peoples, nations, languages, and rulers.

The mighty angel – the glory of Christ reflected

The seven thunders – the secret things of God concealed

The little scroll – the bitter-sweet word of God assimilated

The re-commission – the bitter-sweet word of God proclaimed

Applications:

Angels are worthy of our awe - but not our worship. Christ alone is worthy of that.

God has not revealed it all – but he’s revealed enough for us to know our mission and message.

That message - the Word - can only be communicated effectively if it’s been assimilated.

Weekly Discipleship Guide

Know

**What does God intend for me to know?
In your journal, use the following prompts to write
some truths that stood out from this week's message.**

I never knew...	I was reminded...	A question I still have...
I was challenged...	I was convicted...	A truth I could share...
I was encouraged to...		I need to dig deeper into...

Be (Consider)

**What does God's Word lead me to prayerfully consider?
In your journal, use the following questions to write
some prompts to use in praying through this week's passage.**

Is there a command to obey?	Am I convicted to confess any sin?
How am I compelled to exalt God?	Is there a sin to avoid?
Is there a promise to claim?	How do I need to rest in Jesus/the gospel?
Is there a principle to follow?	How can I pray for someone else?
Is there an example to follow?	What am I compelled to love or desire?

Do (Yield)

**How does God's Word call me to yield my life?
In your journal, write your answers and thoughts
in response to the following questions.**

What makes the Word of God seem bittersweet, especially in the context of its proclamation? Has it seemed bittersweet as we've walked through Revelation so far? How?

How does this passage serve as a sort of "re-commissioning" (the Great Commission) for God's people? How does it provide further confidence for the mission?

What are some aspects of gospel ministry that make it bitter? What are some aspects that make it sweet? Why is it all worth it?

*Use this guide to help you internalize this week's message & to prepare for Life Group.

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