

Sermon Discussion Guide:

The Angel and the Scroll

Sunday, May 30, 2021

Scripture: **Revelation 10:1-11**

Series: **Revelation**

OVERVIEW

As Christians, we are not merely called to oppose the world, but to love people—including our neighbors and enemies. Yet, the more we love others, the more we will be hurt; either because those we care about are being afflicted or because of poor decisions that hurt their lives. In this passage, John is given a little scroll to eat and is told he must prophesy again. Following a period of intense visions and judgment, this chapter offers a message of hope to God's people. The church is being encouraged, yet also called to action. Amidst chaos, destruction, and judgment, God is active in the world and Christ is present with us. We are sealed and protected, and we are called to go out and proclaim God's Word, which we know is sweet to the taste. Yet the Word also convicts us of sin. **The ministry of the Word is both sweet and bitter to all who believe.**

CORROBORATING TEXTS

Exodus 19:9; Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:7; Ezekiel 1:26-28; Revelation 4:3; Hosea 11:10; Psalm 29:3-4; Ezekiel 3:1-4; Psalm 19:10; Romans 9:1-5; Romans 10:8-15

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In verse 1, the "mighty angel" is referring to Jesus. What are some reasons that confirm this? *[The cloud motif from Daniel 7:13-14, Exodus 19:9, and Revelation 1:7; the rainbow is associated with God's covenant faithfulness, as seen in Ezekiel 1:26-28 and Revelation 4:3.]*
2. In verse 4, John was told not to write down what "the seven thunders" had said, yet we are not told why. Do you struggle with God's silence or not knowing God's ways? Deut. 29:29 and Isaiah 55:8 teach us to be content with not knowing all of God's ways.
3. In verse 7, the church is waiting for the end to persecution and hardship, and for the end to come (with the seventh trumpet). What are you currently waiting for in your own life?
4. In verses 8 to 11, we see a picture of the ministry of the Word and what the church is supposed to be doing now (until that last trumpet). Thus, it is a call to action. In what ways are you seeking to practice and fulfill the ministry of the Word? In what ways are you not?
5. How is the ministry of the Word both sweet and bitter? *[See sweetness in Ezekiel 3:1-4 and Psalm 19:10; yet there is a bitterness we taste when we are convicted of our sin and sense our own unworthiness and when we are doing the ministry of the Word correctly, yet those we care for are rejecting Christ and walking into destruction; the Word produced a bitterness in Paul, as seen in Romans 9:1-5.]*