

I. Introduction

Even after a third of mankind was killed, people did not repent (Revelation 9:20-21).

Then what is the way to lead people to repentance and bring them back to God?

The answer is found in today's passage, in the two visions of chapter 10 and the first part of chapter 11.

II. Body

1. The mighty angel coming down from heaven (vv. 1-2)

1) He is an angel who represents the role of Jesus, bearing His majesty and glory.

2) The scroll is the same as the one in chapter 5, containing God's plan of judgment and salvation.

3) He is an angel entrusted with authority over the whole universe—heaven, earth, and sea.

2. Do not write down the words of the seven thunders, but seal them (vv. 3-4)

1) The words of the seven thunders are the Word of God (Psalm 29:3; John 12:28ff).

2) Why did God command not to write them but to seal them?

a. God keeps as secret what we do not need to know.

b. Faith is not about satisfying curiosity, but about obedience.

3. The seventh trumpet through which the mystery of God is fulfilled (vv. 5-7)

1) The day of the Lord's coming will not be delayed—it will come soon.

2) The mystery of the gospel will be fulfilled—salvation and judgment will surely come to pass.

4. Take and eat the scroll in the angel's hand (vv. 8-9)

Why did He not say “read” the scroll, but “eat” it?

1) Just as food is digested and becomes flesh and bone, become a person formed by the Word (Jeremiah 15:16).

2) It means to live by practicing and obeying the Word.

3) It means to live by proclaiming, testifying, and teaching the Word (Ezra 7:10).

5. The scroll that is sweet in the mouth but bitter in the stomach (vv. 9-10)

1) Sweet in the mouth—God's Word that gives grace, love, protection, salvation, and comfort.

2) Why it is bitter in the stomach:

a. The Word conflicts with human emotions, desires, and instincts—it is painful to obey.

b. We must proclaim the Word, and in doing so, we face persecution (2 Timothy 1:18; Ezekiel 3:1-5).

3) We must know not only the sweetness of the Word but also its bitterness.

6. God's command to prophesy again (v. 11)

The story of Jim Elliot, who was martyred in Ecuador, along with his friends and their families.

III. Conclusion

Let us evangelize and save souls until the day the Lord returns.

Bible Memorization

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent’s cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.”
(2 Corinthians 11:3)

Bible Reading

| 4/20(Mon) | 4/21(Tue) | 4/22(Wed) | 4/23(Thur) | 4/24(Fri) | 4/25(Sat) | 4/26(Sun) |
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| 2 Samuel 13-14 | 2 Samuel 15-16 | 2 Samuel 17-18 | 2 Samuel 19-20 | 2 Samuel 21-22 | 2 Samuel 23-24, 1 Kings 1 | 1 Kings 2 |

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Quiet Time Passage

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| Psalms 102:17-28 | Psalms 103:1-11 | Psalms 103:12-22 | Psalms 104:1-9 | Psalms 104:10-23 | Psalms 104:24-35 | Psalms 105:1-22 |

Sharing Questions

1. What is one new insight or special grace you received from today’s sermon? Share with one another.
2. Why did God tell John not to “read” the scroll but to “eat” it? What does it mean to “eat” the Word? What is the difference between merely reading the Word and eating it?
3. When John ate the scroll, it was sweet in his mouth but bitter in his stomach. What does the sweetness represent? What does the bitterness represent? Share together.
4. How does today’s sermon show us that what leads people to repentance and back to God is not punishment, but the gospel and the Word?