

Pursuing Resilience in Revelation

No More Waiting

Revelation 10

Intro

The strength of a fellowship depends on who is in it. Frodo would have never made it to the mountain without his friends, and we can be assured that we will make it in this life because Christ is with us as well as our church family which is indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

The presence of Christ makes all of the difference in our story and in the history of the world.

Discover

I. Who is this mighty angel? (1-3)

A. His attributes

1. Comes down from heaven
2. Clothed in the clouds
3. Wears a rainbow over his head
4. Has a face of radiant glory
5. Has legs and feet like fire
6. Carries the word/decrees of God
7. Stands on the land and sea
8. Has a voice like a lion
9. When he speaks, the seven thunders sound off

B. His identity

II. What are the seven thunders? (4)

- A. The seven thunders are likely another series of judgments.
- B. The fact that the Lord seals them away is a clear sign that God will delay no longer but will bring swift judgment, answering the prayers of His people.

III. What is the angel's oath? (5-7)

- A. The time for waiting is over.
- B. God's mysteries will finally be fully revealed to the whole world.
 1. What has been veiled to the sinner's heart will be made plain, but by then it will be too late for them. The time for forbearance will be over and the time for repentance will be a quick distant past.

IV. Why does God have John eat the scroll? (8-10)

- A. The Lord wants John to not merely hear His word, but to internalize it, digest it, and make it a part of himself.

V. What is our prophetic calling? (11)

- A. Make no mistake, this word came through John for us.
 - 1. God has communicated these things to us that we might participate in John's prophetic ministry.
- B. We are called to prophesy these gospel truths to the nations just as John was called. His mantle is ours too. This word was for John directly, but for the church through him.

Nurture

Who is God?

He is the Mighty One full of radiant glory who comes on the clouds wearing forbearance as a crown.

What has God done?

He has revealed His word to us that the day of final judgment and prevailing justice is coming soon and He has given the lost world ample time to repent.

Who are we?

We are His Church which is being saved out of this world, who are given His word and authority to save others out of this world in Him.

What are we being called to do?

We are being called to communicate the words of John's prophecy to the world around us that all might be warned of that wrath that is to come and that many will repent, believe the gospel, and be saved in Christ.

Act

The time for repentance is at hand, but it is drawing short. We are called to carry His message to the nations, starting right where we are. Who is Jesus sending you to? Who is He sending us to as a body?

Be encouraged little flock, for our difficulties will only last a little while longer. Jesus wins! His day is coming and all who are in Christ will be on the right side of history. No one can take that from us.