

Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*



Worship Guide for June 20, 2021

Sermon Notes

Immortal Till the Work is Done

Revelation 11:1-14

In Revelation 11:1-14 we see a temple being measured, two witnesses preaching for forty-two months (1,260 days), two olive trees, two lampstands, fire breathing prophets with power to shut off the rain and bring plagues upon the earth, the beast from the bottomless pit, the witnesses killed and their bodies left in the street, celebrations and exchanging of gifts because they are dead, their miraculous resurrection and ascent to heaven, an earthquake that kills seven thousand people, and terrified survivors giving glory to God. So, there is consensus among the biblical commentators, chapter eleven is one of the most difficult to interpret in the book of Revelation.

In chapter 10, we saw that God has given us his open Word - the bitter-sweet message of the gospel (i.e., John 3:16-17). That Word must be consumed and assimilated into the depth of our lives so we can then take it to the world's peoples, nations, languages, and rulers. In chapter 11, the same theme continues, and in spite of interpretational difficulties, the main point of the passage is clear: even in the face of satanic opposition, God will preserve his people and empower them for the mission of proclaiming his bitter-sweet gospel message until his kingdom comes in all its fullness. We are immortal till this work is done; even then we will rise again!

The Temple: What is it and why is it measured? (Rev 11:1-2)

The Point: God knows and protects his people.

An Application: Your identity in Christ is sealed and your security in him is certain - rest in this!

The Witnesses: Who are they and what do they do? (Rev 11:3-6)

The Point: God empowers his people to proclaim the gospel of Christ

The Application: You are sent out and empowered by Christ for his gospel mission – go boldly!

The Resurrection: What happened to the witnesses and how will it end? (Rev 11:7-14)

The Point: Faithful witnesses for Christ must follow his path: opposition, death & resurrection

The Application: Opposition to the gospel is certain and severe; so is our victory – don't despair!

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.**

Why does the world rejoice at the death of the two witnesses? Do you see the same spirit today?

How does the certainty of the coming of God's kingdom shape the way we live now?

How is God's faithfulness shown in both mercy and wrath? Are these contradictory?

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

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