

Sermon Notes

Title: Visions of Heaven that Shape Visions of Earth, #6

Text: Revelation 11

Theme: The Hope of a Meaningful Witness



Sermon Outline:

1. Measured and Secure Witness

2. Attack of the Beast

3. Encouraging Numbers, Effective Witness

4. Final Trumpet

Points to Remember from the Sermon:

1. God is continually preparing the church for the long work of enduring _____ by interrupting the vision with images of _____.
2. The place of _____ is protected, but the place of _____ is not.
3. Instruction in witness is important, but _____ is critical for it takes place in pitched battle.
4. In the Old Testament, at least _____ witnesses are required for a just basis for judging an _____ against God's law.
5. For this reason God sometimes sends two _____ to announce judgment, execute judgment, or to validate the truth of a divine communication.
6. All of the churches from Revelation 1-3 are called to be witnessing _____, so the _____ here focus on the witnessing _____ as a whole.
7. The meaning of the entire vision of Zechariah 4 is summarized in verses _____ of Chapter 11 in Revelation.
8. In the church age, we don't call down _____ from heaven like Elijah did for judgment, but the _____ from our _____ through the _____ is the power.
9. When you do the math using the figurative numbers from verse 13 then _____ are saved and is a _____ proportion than at first glance.

Questions to Discuss or Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. Has there been a time in history when the church was at peace with the world? What was required in order to “broker” peace with the world?
2. What do we need to be assured of before we witness to Christ? Why is courage required? Faith?
3. Is “effective” ministry in our culture too pragmatic? If yes, then how so? How can Revelation 11 help reorder our values used in evaluating Christian ministry?
4. Does Revelation 11 change the way you view the church engaging the culture? Does the imagery allow for retreat from the culture? Why or why not?
5. Faithful witness inaugurates and brings about judgment. Have you thought of witness and judgment being intertwined? How does witness bring about justice?
6. Jesus says in Matthew 24 that this gospel “of the kingdom will be preached to the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.” Has the gospel gone to the whole world?
7. Are the two witnesses close to finishing their testimony? Can we know when we are close? How will you play a part?