

PASTOR: Kip McCormick
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SERIES: Rev'd Up
SERMON: The Need to Know

MAIN SCRIPTURE: Revelation 10:1-11 (NASB)
SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE: Exodus 19:19; Psalm 18:13; Romans 11:33-36;
Ephesians 3:3-6; 1:9-10; 2 Peter 3:8-10; Ezekiel 3:3; Matthew 4:4

MESSAGE TAKEAWAY: God makes known to us the necessary things, not all things.



SUPPORTING THOUGHTS:

- The breaks between seal/trumpet judgments reveal God changing an emphasis on the outpouring of wrath on unbelievers to bring about repentance to hope and encouragement for believers.
- Don't allow your interpretation of Revelation to divide and distract from the main thing: 1) Christ will return; 2) God will triumph over evil; 3) We will be rewarded for our faith; and 4) Jesus wins.
- The angel is powerful and most likely, because of what he's doing, he's high up in the heavenly angelic hierarchy.
- The cloud usually describes the presence of God in the Old Testament.
- The Rainbow is a reminder of the promise God gave Noah/us that he wouldn't destroy the earth again with a flood.
- These are all a glimpse of God's greatness prior to another series of judgments.
- The angel's feet being on land and sea give us perspective in times of difficulty.
- When things are difficult, we must understand how this angel in Revelation represents the kind of power that's on our side. But also, we must understand that a firm foundation in Christ will get us through.
- Seven's a perfect number representing God and, in the Bible, thunder often references the voice of God.
- The oath: It's showtime. God will wait no longer for repentance.
- Mystery = "a divine secret." Let's go to the Apostle Paul for some help on this.
- Mystery Part 1: Through the gospel of Jesus Christ, non-Jews ("Gentiles") are heirs together with Israel.
- Mystery Part 2: At the right time, God will bring everything together under the authority of Christ.

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(SUPPORTING THOUGHTS CONTINUED)

- When we “ingest” God’s words, those words feed our souls.
- We must be prepared to suffer...and even die for our faith.
- God reveals and conceals. He reveals to us what He wants us to know, see, and act upon and conceals what we don’t need to see.
- Have you ever considered that, when God is concealing something in our lives, He’s doing it for our own benefit?
- To trust God and His ways, you need to know God and His ways.

CHALLENGE: Join a Bible Study A New Life Fellowship.

- **Sunday 9 a.m. Studies:** Romans (coed, Fireside Room); The Holy Spirit (Ladies, Room 9); Sermon Review (Men, Room 4); The Pursuit of God (coed, Room 2); Middle School/High School Bible Study (coed, Gym Classrooms)
- **Midweek Study (Wednesday night, 6:30-8:00):** Experiencing God (See Pastor Rich for more information. **Requires purchase of workbook**, 12 weeks in length with homework)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:*

- Have you ever had a time in your life when you didn’t have a need to know? Why didn’t have that need to know? What did you learn from it?
- Have you had a time as a Christ follower in which God was clear that He was not going to answer you in the way you desired? What were the results of that?
- What are your observations about this angel?
- What is this little scroll? Why is it important in our story?
- What do you think the seven thunders refer to?
- Why do you think John was not allowed to write down what he heard?
- How do you maintain hope when you’re not “in the know”?
- If John couldn’t write it down, then why did God allow him to see it?
- What does the fact of this “secret” tell us about what we know of God’s plans?
- What does his promise that there would be “no more delay” refer to?
- Why would the angel ask John to eat the scroll?
- Why would it be sweet in the mouth and bitter in the stomach?
- What part of this teaching troubled you? What part of this teaching motivated you? What’s your next step after listening to today’s teaching?

* Several questions taken from Jason Dexter’s Commentary, Study and Obey: Revelation 10, found on the internet at **Revelation 10 Bible Study Guide With Practical Discussion Questions (studyandobey.com)**

Sources: Jason Dexter (Study and Obey on-line Bible Study, Revelation, with excellent discussion questions and commentary); Eliyahu Lizorkin-Eyzenberg, Israel Bible Center (multiple books and commentaries); **Gotquestions.org**; Michael Heiser (Naked Bible Podcast; *Unseen Realm* and multiple books); **Life Application Study Bible** Commentary, Revelation; **John MacArthur** (multiple books, sermons, study bible; Grace to You Ministries); **Chuck Swindoll** (New Testament Commentary – Revelation); **Through the Word Bible App**; **YouVersion Bible App**.