

What does not God do something about this evil? We have an answer in [Revelation 10](#)

One thing is clear about God throughout the Bible: **He is in no hurry**

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. [2 Peter 3:8 NIV](#)

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. [2 Peter 3:9 NIV](#)

God is aware of great wrongs, yet He exercises forbearance to a hateful, godless, indifferent people that have gone their own way

[2 Peter 3:9](#) says that God is unwilling that any should perish, but there will be a day when His patience ceases

Judgment is God's "strange work" [Isaiah 28:21](#)

God does not want to judge, but His character demands He does. God is always true to Himself

For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil. [Ecclesiastes 12:14 NKJV](#)

But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. [Matthew 12:36 NKJV](#)

God's judgment is not like a human courtroom that only sees evidence presented

God sees the action, the words, the thought, and the motive behind it. Nothing needs to be investigated. He already knows and that truth is sobering

God sees every unseen act of obedience and disobedience

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. [Hebrews 4:13 NIV](#)

The Appearance of the Mighty Angel [10:1-4](#), The Oath of No More Delay [10:5-7](#), The Eating of the Little Book [10:8-10](#), The Recommissioning of John [10:11](#)

The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven [Revelation 10:5 NKJV](#)

He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land [Revelation 10:3 NKJV](#) This is a declaration: what is written concerns the whole earth

and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer Revelation 10:6 NKJV

The angel swears by the eternal Creator that there will be no further delay in God's final judgment

"swore by Him who lives forever and ever"

But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is His footstool... But let your "Yes" be "Yes," and your "No," "No." For whatever is more than these is from the evil one Matthew 5:34–37 NKJV

In **Matthew 23**, Jesus addresses a misuse of oath-taking that had developed in Jewish culture, especially among the scribes and Pharisees

Jesus exposes how the Pharisees created a loophole system for oaths

Woe to you, blind guides, who say, Whoever swears by the temple, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple, he is obliged to perform it... And, Whoever swears by the altar, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gift that is on it, he is obliged to perform it Matthew 23:16–18 NKJV

What was happening? The religious leaders had developed categories of oaths:

Swearing by the temple, not binding, swearing by the gold of the temple, binding, Swearing by the altar, not binding, swearing by the offering on the altar, binding

In other words, they had created a technical system that allowed someone to appear truthful while still avoiding responsibility of the Oath they've made

A person could say something under oath, but if the wording used the "wrong" object, they believed they could break the promise

Jesus calls them "**blind guides**" because they were **using religion to disguise dishonesty**

However, Scripture contains legitimate solemn oaths also

For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself Hebrews 6:13 NKJV

Revelation 10:6 is a formal prophetic oath, the delay is ending, God's plan is reaching completion

It is a heavenly proclamation tied to the authority of God

"who created"

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1 NKJV

He was in the beginning with God. John 1:2 NKJV

All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. John 1:3 NKJV

This is God's eternal nature, it echoes earlier doxologies in **Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: 11 "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."** Revelation 4:9–11 NKJV

And, it mirrors Old Testament creation statements like: **For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them...** Exodus 20:11 NKJV deliberate phrasing

The special angel announces the end of God's mystery by an oath **"that there should be delay no longer"**

Live urgently, not casually, or spiritually lethargic. **Revelation 10:6** creates a sense of urgency

History is not endless; opportunities will end. Grace is extended, but not indefinitely

God will not let evil drag on forever; no more delay, we will want to be found faithful

but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets Revelation 10:7 NKJV

"the days of the sounding of the seventh angel"

It may be confusing to think that the seventh trumpet finishes things up when we're only halfway through the book

But keep in mind that just as the seven trumpets are inside the seventh seal, the rest of **Revelation**, including the seven bowl judgments, are inside the seventh trumpet

the mystery of God would be finished"

The idea is that the things that have long been prophesied in the Old Testament as well as the New Testament are going to be fulfilled. **Ancient things like**

I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. Daniel 7:13 NKJV

Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed. Daniel 7:14 NKJV

What God promised, God will accomplish

“as He declared to His servants the prophets” Daniel 10-12 NKJV

Nothing in Revelation is improvised. We can trust the promises of Scripture, **all of it!**

We do not need to live in anxious anticipation of where history is headed; we already know the end of the story. **So, live faithfully, stand firmly, and serve boldly**

Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, “Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth.” Revelation 10:8 NKJV

“The voice... spoke to me again”

In the middle of judgment and chaos, **God continues to speak**

The question is not whether God is communicating; the question is whether you are responding

And he said to me, “Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth.” Revelation 10:9 NKJV

Then I took the little book out of the angel’s hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter. Revelation 10:10 NKJV

Obedience requires initiative, John is told, **Go, take the little book** Revelation 10:8 “Take and eat it” Revelation 10:9, **Then I took the little book out of the angel’s hand and ate it** Revelation 10:10

The book is open. The revelation is available. But John must step forward and receive it

God has revealed His Word. It is open. It is accessible. **But you must take it**

Spiritual growth is not passive; we cannot live on yesterday’s Bible Study, and we cannot depend on someone else’s faith. **Go. Take. Receive**

The word is given, but it must be chosen and taken

The angel is holding the book. **John must approach**

God does not force intimacy and relationships; **He invites them**

We **can ignore** the open Word, or you can **step toward it**

God’s Word must be internalized, **NOT just observed**

John didn't **analyze** the scroll. He didn't **admire** it. He **ate** it

It's not enough to attend church, underline verses, or agree with the truth intellectually

The Word must move from your hand to your heart

We don't just read Scripture, we digest it

The question is: **Is God's Word shaping** my reactions, my speech, my decisions?

Real faith feels the Joy in **salvation**, the weight for lost **souls**

**And he said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."
Revelation 10:11 NKJV**

John had already suffered exile. He had already received visions. He had already written letters to the churches

And yet God says, "**You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings**"

John is recommissioned. Despite rejection in **chapter 9:20-21**, our assignment is not over

No matter **your age, season, or past faithfulness**, if you're still breathing, you still have a calling

God is not finished using you, and the message is **bigger than your circle** **Revelation 10:11**

The gospel is never meant to stay small; Pray beyond your zip code, speak beyond your comfort zone, care beyond your tribe, God's message is global, and **your witness matters**

Keep speaking truth, keep living faithfully, and keep representing Christ

*Until the final trumpet sounds, **the mission continues...***

Before the final judgment comes, God first offered mercy. Before the throne of judgment stands the cross of redemption

The answer to the question, Why doesn't God do something about evil? He already did

*At the cross, **on two wooden beams**, God confronted sin, justice, and mercy all at once*

And the same Savior who bore judgment there is the One who will one day bring judgment to completion