

#### COME AND FIND GRACE"

# Sermon Notes - March 13, 2022 The Revelation of Jesus Christ Series

### The Tale of Two Witnesses!

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# Opening Point:

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ( 1 Peter 4:12-14)

## **Key Observations:**

- The two Witnesses' PERSONALITIES! ( Revelation 11:3-4, Matthew 5:13-16)
- 2. The two Witnesses' **POWER!** ( Revelation 11:3-6, Acts 1:8, Ephesians 3:16-19, Colossians 1:9-14)
- The two Witnesses' PERSECUTION! ( Revelation 11:7-10, 2 Timothy 3:10-12)
- 4. The two Witnesses' PRESERVATION! ( Revelation 11:11-14)

Closing Point: Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved-and that by God. 29 For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him, ( Philippians 1:27-29)

#### Scripture for Today's Message Revelation 11:1–14

I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "Go and measure the temple of God and the altar and count the worshipers there. <sup>2</sup> But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months.

- <sup>3</sup> And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth." <sup>4</sup> These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.
- <sup>5</sup> If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die. <sup>6</sup> These men have power to shut up the sky so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plaque as often as they want.
- <sup>7</sup> Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them and overpower and kill them. <sup>8</sup> Their bodies will lie in the street of the great city, which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. <sup>9</sup> For three and a half days men from every people, tribe, language, and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. <sup>10</sup> The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.
- <sup>11</sup> But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. <sup>12</sup> Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.
- <sup>13</sup> At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.
- <sup>14</sup> The second woe has passed; the third woe is coming soon.