IN THE WORD
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There Will Be No More Delay!

Revelation - Lesson 8

Read Revelation 9-10

The trumpets sound. The Abyss opens. A terrifying army advances. Yet even in the chaos, evil answers to a higher authority. Journey through Revelation 9–10, where judgment meets mercy, hearts resist repentance, and a mighty messenger declares: There Will Be No More Delay! Then comes a little scroll — sweet as honey, bitter with the weight of its message. What will you do with the truth you receive? Like John, in the midst of chaos we are called to courage, compassion, and faithful witness.

REFLECTION 1:

The lesson emphasizes that Satan is not God's equal opposite, but rather a created being. How does Revelation 9's picture of Satan as a fallen, limited, and already-defeated enemy help you think more clearly about spiritual warfare?

REFLECTION 2:

C.S. Lewis warned that people can fall into two opposite errors regarding devils: disbelieving in them entirely or becoming excessively interested in them. Where do you see either of those tendencies showing up in our world—or even in the church—and why might both extremes be dangerous?

REFLECTION 3:

In Revelation 9, even severe judgment does not lead many people to repentance. What do you think causes a heart to grow harder instead of softer when confronted with truth, consequence, or correction?

REFLECTION 4:

The people in Revelation 9 continue clinging to idols that "cannot see or hear or walk." What are some ways people today still trust in things that cannot ultimately save them, and how can we recognize those misplaced trusts in ourselves?

REFLECTION 5:

The horns of the altar remind us that mercy is still available even in the midst of judgment. How does seeing God's mercy alongside His judgment shape the way you understand His heart toward sinners?

REFLECTION 6:

John is told to take and eat the scroll, and it is sweet in his mouth but bitter in his stomach. What does it mean to you to “metabolize” God’s Word rather than simply read it, hear it, or study it?

REFLECTION 7:

Psalm 119 describes God’s Word as sweet, wise, and life-giving, yet Revelation 10 shows that receiving God’s Word also brings sorrow over judgment. How has God’s Word been both sweet and weighty in your own walk with Him?

REFLECTION 8:

As you take in the truth of God’s Word, how does it affect the way you see people who do not yet know Christ? What would it look like for that concern to move beyond belief into compassion, prayer or faithful witness?