



Week 11:
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REVELATION
HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

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DAILY DEVOTIONAL



Set the Tone:

This week, we're unpacking Revelation 10—a chapter with a mighty angel, a mysterious scroll, and a call to clarity. In Sunday's sermon, we explored three categories to sort out our lives: things to be in wonder about, things to worship, and things to be wary of. My hope is that these devotions help you see what deserves your awe, your praise, and your caution. I pray that God works in your heart this week in a way that makes Him your only object of worship.

- Grant

Monday

READ REVELATION 10:1-4

READ CONNECTED SCRIPTURE PSALM 14:1

STUDY NOTES

The angel's dazzling appearance—cloud, rainbow, sun-like face—reflects God's glory, not his own.

The "seven thunders" are a mystery we can't fully grasp, pointing us to God's greatness.

Psalm 139:14 reminds us that people, as God's image-bearers, inspire wonder for Him.

REFLECTION:

In the 1950's, Rolls Royce Designed a car that was an engineering marvel. It was a unique driving experience in one particular way - It was silent. British Journalists wrote "At 60 miles an hour, the loudest noise in this new Rolls-Royce comes from the ticking of its electric clock." The car was so quiet you could actually hear the clock tick. What if we spent time every day like that. Time when we turn down the noise for the world so we can hear God's voice clearly. (That's putting first things first.) God fills our lives with amazing things—people and places—meant to point us to Him. The angel in [Revelation 10](#) is jaw-dropping, but his job is to direct us to God. Wonder should lead us to worship the Creator, not the creation.

What in your life—like a friend, a talent, or nature—sparks wonder and points you to God?

How can you keep your awe focused on Him, not the thing itself?

Why does it matter that we marvel without bowing down?

ACTION STEP:

Today, spot something wonderful—a teammate's skill, a sunrise, whatever—and thank God for it. Let it lead you to praise Him.

The Object of Worship

Tuesday

READ REVELATION 10:8-10

Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying, 'Go, take the scroll that is open in the hand of the angel... Take and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey.'

READ CONNECTED SCRIPTURE PSALM 19:9-10

STUDY NOTES

The scroll is God's Word—sweet with grace, bitter with judgment.

"Take and eat it" shows we're to fully take in God's truth, even the hard parts.

Psalm 19 celebrates how God's Word is both valuable and sweet.

REFLECTION:

Sunday, we talked about God's work being undeniable, even when it's mysterious. The scroll's sweetness is God's love for us; its bitterness is the reality of sin's consequences. Worshiping God means embracing all of it—don't let what you can't understand stop you from trusting what you can't deny. My truck was awesome, but it didn't deserve my worship—only God does.

When has God's Word felt sweet to you, like a promise that lifted you up?

What parts feel bitter or tough to swallow?

How can you worship God even when His plans confuse you?

ACTION STEP:

Read a short Bible passage today (I recommend Psalm 19!). As you read, note what's sweet or challenging, and thank God for speaking to you.

Objects to Beware

Wednesday Devo

READ REVELATION 10:5-7

And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven and swore by him who lives forever and ever... that there would be no more delay, but that in the days of the trumpet call to be sounded by the seventh angel, the mystery of God would be fulfilled, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.

READ CONNECTED SCRIPTURE JAMES 4:7

STUDY NOTES

The angel swears by God's eternal power, showing who's really in charge.

"No more delay" means God's plan is unstoppable.

James 4:7 teaches us to resist anything that pulls us from God.

REFLECTION:

My truck story showed how something good can go wrong. When objects of wonder—like popularity, a phone, or even a person—become objects of worship, beware. If you admire something so much you start adoring it, it's a warning sign. God's the only one worthy of our praise.

What might be creeping from wonder to worship in your life?

How do you spot when something's becoming an idol?

What can you do to keep God first?

ACTION STEP:

Pick one thing you might be over-focusing on (like social media or a crush). Pray, "God, help me admire this without worshiping it."

Wednesday

Small Group Discussion

ICE BREAKER QUESTION (5 MINUTES)

High and low from this past week

READ REVELATION 10:1-9

1 Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, surrounded by a cloud, with a rainbow over his head. His face shone like the sun, and his feet were like pillars of fire. **2** And in his hand was a small scroll that had been opened. He stood with his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land. **3** And he gave a great shout like the roar of a lion. And when he shouted, the seven thunders answered. **4** When the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write. But I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Keep secret what the seven thunders said, and do not write it down." **5** Then the angel I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand toward heaven. **6** He swore an oath in the name of the one who lives forever and ever, who created the heavens and everything in them, the earth and everything in it, and the sea and everything in it. He said, "There will be no more delay. **7** When the seventh angel blows his trumpet, God's mysterious plan will be fulfilled. It will happen just as he announced it to his servants the prophets." **8** Then the voice from heaven spoke to me again: "Go and take the open scroll from the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land." **9** So I went to the angel and told him to give me the small scroll. "Yes, take it and eat it," he said. "It will be sweet as honey in your mouth, but it will turn sour in your stomach!" **10** So I took the small scroll from the hand of the angel, and I ate it! It was sweet in my mouth, but when I swallowed it, it turned sour in my stomach.

GROUP CHALLENGE: PRAYING FOR VICTORY

Follow up: Last week, we committed to pray daily for each other. How did that go?

This week, take time to intentionally reflect on something that fills you with wonder. Instead of just enjoying it, let it lead you to worship God directly.

PRAYER:

Thank God for His amazing creation and truth. Ask for help to worship Him alone. Pray for strength to resist idols.

Small Group Discussion

KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM SUNDAY'S MESSAGE + QUESTIONS

1 BE IN WONDER ABOUT: GOD'S POWER AND CREATION

- God has filled the world with wonders—things that reflect His majesty but are not meant to replace Him.
- **Question: What is something in creation that inspires awe in you? How does it point you to God?**

2 BE IN WORSHIP OF: THE CREATOR, NOT CREATION

- We are called to worship the Creator, not His creation. When we elevate anything above God, we fall into idolatry.
- **Question: Have you ever placed too much value on something (a job, a relationship, success) that should have pointed you to God instead? How did it impact your faith?**

3 BEWARE OF: THE SUBTLE SHIFT FROM WONDER TO WORSHIP

- What begins as admiration can turn into misplaced devotion. Satan wants to shift our focus from God to lesser things.
- **Question: What is something good in your life that could become an idol if not kept in check? How can you guard against that?**

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Share a time you got obsessed with something you liked (Game? Hobby? App? Relationship?). How did you notice and how did you pull back?

What hit you from Sunday's Revelation 10 sermon?

How does the angel show wonder without stealing God's worship?

Why worship God even when His ways are hard to understand?

What's a sign something good has turned into an idol?

How can we keep each other focused on God?

What's one way you'll practice wonder, worship, or wariness this week?

Who needs prayer for clarity in these areas?

Thursday

READ GENESIS 1:27

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

REFLECTION:

People—like your friends or family—are incredible because they reflect God’s image. That’s wonder material, but only God gets our worship.

Who in your life amazes you and points you to God?

How can you turn that awe into praise for Him?

Thank God for making us in His image.

CHALLENGE: PRAYING FOR VICTORY

Take time to actually stop and reflect on something that fills you with wonder. Don’t just enjoy it—let it lead you to worship God.

Here’s how to make it real:

- **Notice the Wonder** – Maybe it’s a sunset, a powerful moment in worship, an answered prayer, or just the fact that God is working in your life. Pay attention.
- **Don’t Rush Past It** – Take a second. Ask yourself: What does this reveal about who God is?
- **Turn It Into Worship** – Thank Him. Pray. Write it down. Share it. Let the moment shift your focus back to Him.
- **Encourage One Another** – Share what filled you with wonder in your group chat or next small group. How did it shift your perspective? How did it deepen your worship?

PRAYER

God, thank You for creating us in Your image. It’s amazing to see Your handiwork in the people, places, and things around us. Help us to take a moment today to really stop and let that awe turn into praise for You. You’re worthy of all our worship. Amen.

The Sweet and Bitter Word

Friday

START WITH PRAYER: Lord, prepare my heart to receive Your Word today. Let me delight in its sweetness when it brings comfort and embrace its bitterness when it corrects me. Give me a hunger for Your truth, even when it's hard to hear. Shape me through Your Word so I can grow closer to You. Amen.

READ PSALM 119:97-104

Oh, how I love your instructions! I think about them all day long. Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are my constant guide. Yes, I have more insight than my teachers, for I am always thinking of your laws. I am even wiser than my elders, for I have kept your commandments. I have refused to walk on any evil path, so that I may remain obedient to your word. I haven't turned away from your regulations, for you have taught me well. **How sweet your words taste to me; they are sweeter than honey.** Your commandments give me understanding; no wonder I hate every false way of life.

REFLECTION:

God's Word is sweet when it comforts us, bitter when it calls us out—but it's always true. Like the scroll in Revelation 10, it's worth taking in.

How has God's Word encouraged you lately?

What's a tough truth you're wrestling with?

Ask God to make His Word a joy to you.

PRAYER:

Lord, Your Word is sweeter than honey, yet sometimes it challenges me in ways that are hard to swallow. Help me to delight in it, not just when it comforts me, but also when it convicts me. Make my heart eager to receive Your truth, even when it stretches me. Let Your Word be my joy, my strength, and my guide. Teach me to trust that every word from You is good, because You are good. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Resisting Idols

Saturday

READ 1 JOHN 5:21

Dear children, keep away from anything that might take God's place in your hearts.

REFLECTION:

Idols sneak in—grades, followers, whatever. If it's taking God's place, be wary. You don't have to stay stuck—not for one more minute.

What's one thing you need to guard against?

How has God proven He's bigger than that?

PRAYER:

Father, You alone are worthy of my worship. I confess that my heart is easily drawn to things that were never meant to take Your place. Open my eyes to anything that competes for my devotion, and give me the strength to turn from it. Remind me that nothing—no achievement, no approval, no possession—can satisfy like You do. Fill my heart with a deeper love for You, and help me to trust that You are more than enough. In Jesus' name, Amen.

STAY CONNECTED:

Missed the sermon? Watch it on YouTube, Spotify, or Apple Podcasts.

Encouraged by the Devotions? Share them with a friend!

Thanks for jumping into Revelation 10 with me. Let's live this week in wonder of God's works, worship of Him alone, and wariness of anything else trying to take His spot.

-Pastor Grant