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Message Topic: **Sweet to the Mouth, Bitter in the Belly**

Scripture Text: Rev. 10:1-11

1. Christians desire justice from the Lord that His name be vindicated and the truth be known. For those saints who died for the Lord, they prayed for justice to be done by God. In God's timing, His justice will be seen through the Judgments He executed.
2. What should be our Christian attitude when we see God's Judgments poured out on this sinful and wicked world? From v.1-4, the Bible tells us of the certainty of God's judgments. Wicked people cannot get away with their wicked deeds and not be punished for it.
3. God's Judgment will be global but it is always tempered with mercy for those who are willing to repent. In v.5-8, the angels swear by God that the Judgments will come. They declare that there is time no longer. The time for repentance for the wicked people will be over by then. The time for service for God is also no more.
4. The earth is winding down and will terminate one day. We must live our lives not motivated by the earth's reward. When God's millennial Kingdom sets in, all things will change. Jesus Christ will rule and there will only be one Kingdom under Him.
5. As we see the impending Judgments of God, it must be sweet to our mouth and bitter in our belly. Sweet that finally God will deliver His people but bitter as we are saddened by the death and devastation on the sinful people who refuse to repent. There is no rejoicing over the death of sinners. This is the heart of God who does not delight in any that perish. Let us be faithful to the Lord and persevere in our work for Him while there is still time now.