



Week 5: The Mercy of Judgment

In Revelation 8–11, trumpet blasts echo through heaven—not to destroy, but to warn. They remind us that the world is broken, judgment is real, and God is calling us to wake up and look up. But there's hope in the chaos. God's justice flows from His love, and His ultimate goal isn't destruction, it's redemption. We're not just spectators in this story, we're His witnesses, called to proclaim the gospel, in grace and truth, to a world that desperately needs both.

Discussion Questions:

1. What's your gut reaction when you hear the word "judgment" in connection with God? Why do you think that is? Do you think it's possible for God to be full of love without judgment? Explain.
2. **Read Revelation 8:1–5.** What does the silence in heaven communicate about God's posture toward our prayers? How does that shape your view of prayer today?
3. The trumpet judgments are symbolic warnings rather than total destruction. Why do you think God gives warnings instead of moving straight to judgment? What does this reveal about His character?
4. Where/how do you "hear" these trumpets in our world today?
5. The scroll John eats is both sweet and bitter, representing grace and truth. How have you experienced this in your walk with Jesus and interaction with His Word? How can we become people who carry both into our conversations, relationships, and witness?
6. The two witnesses in Revelation 11 symbolize the church—faithfully proclaiming the gospel in a hostile world. In what ways are you personally living out that witness? What makes it hard to do so today? What truth do we read in Revelation 11 that can help us persevere?