FAMOUS LAST WORDS
a study in revelation

9. "The Last Word on Witness"

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Sermon Outline Notes

The Famous Last Words of Scripture <u>REVEAL THE NEED FOR WITNESSES</u>

And <u>EMPOWER THEM TO FACE THE DANGER OF TELLING THE TRUTH</u>

On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. 19 But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, 20 for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Matthew 10:16-20

I. <u>Revelation 10:1-11</u>

10:1 Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven... 2 He was holding a little scroll, which lay open in his hand...but I heard a voice from heaven say, "Seal up what the seven thunders have said and do not write it down." 5 Then the angel I had seen standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven...and said, "There will be no more delay!...10 I took the little scroll from the angel's hand and ate it. It tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour. 11 Then I was told, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages and kings."

Witnessing is...

a. **<u>DISCERNING HOW MUCH TO TELL</u>**
b. **<u>HAVING AN ALERT MIND AND AN URGENT RESPONSE</u>**
c. **<u>THE SWEETNESS OF RECEIVING GOD'S WORD & THE BITTERNESS OF REJECTION</u>**

d. COMMANDED BY GOD

"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. 10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. 11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. 12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. Matthew 24:9-14 NKJV

II. Revelation 11:1-14

11:1 I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, with its worshipers... 3 And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth." … 7 Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them...11 But after the three and a half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. 12 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…

Witnessing is INCLUSIVE OF LAW AND PROPHECY AND WILL NOT CEASE

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. 3 Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Matthew 17:1-3

III. Revelation 11:15-19

15 The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven...16 And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17 saying: "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty...The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants...19 Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a severe hailstorm.

Witnessing is ACCOMPANIED BY THE POWER OF GOD

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father

has set by his own authority. [8] But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:7-8