

Revelation 6:9-17
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The Martyrs (witnesses) Under the Altar (7-11)

Sacrifice – even to the point of death (Revelation 12:11) **by His grace we can stand firm**

Slain - **there are many who have given their lives for His Name**

Because of the Word of God – unwilling to compromise truth (Revelation 3:8)

Because of their testimony – unwilling to deny His Name (Revelation 12:11)

We can deny Him by our actions (Titus 1:16) – May we stay true to His Word

Soliciting God – crying out to Him – **How long? (Psalm 6:3) God is patient (II Peter 3:9)**

Holy – Sovereign – True – LORD!!! **He is in control – He does what is best and right!**

How long? (Psalm 74:10-11)

Until You judge the earth (John 5:22) **Jesus is the rightful Judge**

Until You avenge our blood (Romans 12:17-21) **Vengeance belongs to God**

Sovereign One's response **He remains our loving Father**

White robes are given (Revelation 7:14; 19:8) **washed in blood, robed in righteousness**

Waiting is required (Psalm 27:14 / Isaiah 40:29-31) **waiting requires trust**

Worthy ones are yet to be slain (Psalm 116:15 / Isaiah 57:1-2 / Revelation 14:3)

Precious in His Sight – spared from what's to come

The Great Earthquake (12-17) – (Hebrews 12:25-29) **a preview of everything being shaken**

What are you clinging to?

The Signs (Isaiah 13:9-11; 34:1-4 / Joel 2:10-11 / Matthew 24:29)

The end of the age – before His Kingdom on earth – in Heaven

Sun (turned black) – Moon (turned blood red) – Star (falling like late figs)

Sky (rolling up) (Isaiah 34:4 / II Peter 3:10 / Colossians 1:17)

Surface (mountains and islands removed) (Isaiah 40:4-5)

God is greater than the earth, the sky, and the heavens – your trust is in?

The Sinful (Isaiah 2:6-22) **those who have refused every opportunity to come to God**

Fall on us mountains and rocks (Isaiah 2:19) **There will be no escape from His wrath**

Fearful of the Day of the Wrath of the Lamb (Joel 2:1-2) **the Lamb who was slain is the**

One to whom we all must bow (Philippians 2:9-11)

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In what ways do we see the Word of God being compromised and the Name of Jesus being denied in churches today? (I Corinthians 5:1-2 / Jeremiah 23:16; 35:15 / II Corinthians 11:2-4 / Acts 20:26-27)

***Love has been redefined along with tolerance – those who love hate what is evil (Romans 12:9)
The biblical Jesus (the only true God) has also been redefined, ignoring the Spirit, changing the Gospel
No longer is His Word being taught – putting man's ideas in place of God's / ignoring prophecy
People claim to believe in Jesus, but their lives and priorities are no different from the world***

How do these things impact our church? Our own lives? (Galatians 1:6-10; 3:1-5)

Worldly teaching creeps in. (self-esteem, love yourself, trust your heart)

We become more concerned about appearance and entertainment than we are of truth.

How can we stand strong in the midst of compromise? (Psalm 1:1-2 / Romans 12:1-2 / I Peter 1:13-15 / Ephesians 6:10-18) ***Be saturated with His Word – let it influence my life and my thoughts.***

Surrender daily to our Lord – offering ourselves to do His will. We cannot do it apart from His Spirit.

Be prepared for battle – the enemy seeks to destroy us (I Peter 5:8). Let go the things of this world that influence your life.

What motivates saints of God to cry for His vengeance instead of His mercy upon others? (Psalm 28:3-5; 139:19-22) ***When those who pretend to care are plotting evil in their hearts. When they have no regard for the things of God, His love and compassion, His goodness and truth. When those in***

positions of power or authority use their position to cause harm to others, especially women and children or those who are vulnerable.

When, if ever, would we seek vengeance rather than mercy upon others? (Romans 12:17-21 / Galatians 5:7-12) ***Though we may desire vengeance for atrocities, we are called to leave it in God's hand, knowing that He is holy and just. (However, it is appropriate for government to issue punishment for those who break laws and do what is evil. It is also appropriate for nations to defend themselves against other evil nations)***

How does God respond to the martyrs under His altar? (Proverbs 16:4 / Psalm 27:14)

He robes them in His righteousness, honoring their service to Him. He tells them to be patient because there are more who will suffer for Him and receive the same honor.

How can His response to them be helpful to us in the midst of suffering? (Isaiah 40:28-31 / Psalm 30:1-5)

We also must learn to wait on the LORD. His timing is always best. Trusting and depending on Him. While our suffering may be extreme, (see II Corinthians 1:8-9) it pales in comparison with the glory that will be experienced in our future. (II Corinthians 4:16-18)

What causes men to desire His face? What causes men to hide from His face? (Jn 3:19-21/I John 3:1-3)

Knowing His love. Knowing that there will be no greater joy than when we are with Him.

Living in sin. Knowing that one day I must give an account – yet I have chosen to ignore His love.

Who is able to stand the great day of His Wrath? (Psalm 15 / Romans 3:22-26)

Those who are blameless to stand because they have been forgiven and made righteous by His blood.

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