

God's Great Day of Wrath

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Revelation 6:9-11.

B. There are many prayers for God to bring about vengeance. (Psalm 35; 69: 109; 79:10; Micah 5:15; Isaiah 59:17-18; 63:4; 64:7-9)

1. There is a balance: we are to be compassionate. (Proverbs 25:21; Romans 12)

2. There is a day of vengeance coming, but we do not treat sinners with a vengeful attitude.

C. The time of grace is coming to an end in Revelation.

D. The Great Tribulation is identified as the Day of Vengeance. (Matthew 24:21; Luke 21; 2 Thessalonians 1:5; 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 10:9)

G. There are prayers for vengeance in Revelation 6.

II. Persons involved. (Matthew 24)

A. While persecution from the Great Tribulation starts the gospel will continue to be preached.

B. 144,000 tribes, two witnesses and an angel will be preaching the gospel during this time. (Revelation 7; 11; 14)

C. Antichrist comes and announces that he is God. (2 Thessalonians 2)

D. Bad persecution will break out everywhere.

E. The martyrs during this period are those praying for vengeance.

F. They are killed for the word of God and their testimony of Jesus. (Revelation 12; 20)

III. Petitions.

A. Prayer plays a vital role in final vengeance.

B. These prayers activate further judgment. (Luke 18:6)

C. The time for vengeance has come. The time of mercy has passed.

IV. Promises they receive.

A. They are given a white robe symbolizing dignity and honor.

B. The time is just a little while longer until vengeance will come.

V. Conclusion.

A. Discipleship has been cheapened in many ways.

B. The early church stood until the point of death.

Application Questions:

1. How does one balance the call for vengeance with the call for compassion and mercy in Scripture?

2. How are the Tribulation martyrs a model for us in the extent of their witness?

3. Should we pray for vengeance now? Explain.
