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| **Grant Street Baptist Church** | **Sermon Notes** |
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Title: *“The Word of God”*

Scripture: Revelation 10:1-11

 *Chapter 10 begins another interlude for the purpose to expand on previous revelations and also to give a word of encouragement and hope*

Message: **1.** **It’s Available** *(1-3a, 5-8)*

1 Then I saw another mighty angel (Jesus) coming down from heaven. He was robed in a cloud (represents the presence of God), with a rainbow (green rainbow from the Throne of God “eternal life” – Revelation 4:3) above his head; his face was like the sun (represents the glory of God), and his legs were like fiery pillars (represents God’s judgment). 2He was holding a little scroll (something of great importance is about to be communicated to John), which lay open in his hand (the seals have been broken). He planted his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land (in Bible days, a conqueror often stood on the land he just conquered; Jesus has laid claim to the whole earth), 3aand he gave a loud shout like the roar of a lion (shout of victory).

5Then the angel I had seen standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven (took a solemn oath before God the Father). 6And he swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, “There will be no more delay! (no more delay in coming judgments) 7But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet (seventh trumpet judgment), the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.” (The Old Testament prophets prophesied of a day when the mysteries of God would be understood – Amos 3:7, a day is coming when the hidden things of God will be made known to us and we will understand them fully…all the “why’s” will be answered) 8Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me once more: “Go, take the scroll that lies open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.” (The contents of the book were made available to him but he had to take the initiative. God makes it available, but we have to take the initiative to receive it.)

 **2. It’s Personal** *(3b-4)*

3b When he shouted, the voices of the seven (completion/perfection) thunders spoke. (the voice of God Himself; Psalm 29:3 God speaks in the voice of a thunderstorm; John 12:28-29 God the Father spoke to Jesus and many thought that what they heard was thunder) 4And when the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven say, “Seal up what the seven thunders have said and do not write it down.” (What John heard was intended for John not for us; God speaks personally to us in a personal intimate relationship with Him)

 **3. It’s Sweet and Sour** *(9-11)*

9So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. He said to me, “Take it and eat it. It will turn your stomach sour, but ‘in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey.’[Ezekial 3:3]” 10I 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. (The act of “eating the book” symbolized John’s taking it in; the message from God is as sweet as honey [a word of promise, of praise, of victory, of prophecies fulfilled], but it also contains the bitter/sour truth of God’s judgment about to be poured out upon the earth) 11Then I was told, “You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages and kings.” (Once we take it in and digest it, we are then to communicate it to others)

Application:

* The Word of God
* It’s Available: God’s word is available, but we have to take the initiative to receive it
* It’s Personal: God’s word is personally to us when we are in an intimate relationship with Him
* It’s Sweet and Sour: God’s word is as sweet as honey [a word of promise, of praise, of victory, of prophecies fulfilled], but it also contains the bitter/sour truth of God’s judgment about to be poured out upon the earth…we have a responsibility to share it with others