**Sermon Notes May 15, 2022**

**Series**: Revelation

**Sermon**: The Lamb Breaks the Fifth Seal

**Scripture**: Revelation 6:9-11, Matthew 16:25, Psalm 74:10, 79:5-6, 94:3-4, 2 Timothy 1:8, Acts 4:20

**Summary**: When Jesus Christ breaks the fifth seal, the souls of all the martyrs of the world are seen under the altar of God.

**Read**: Read Revelation 6

We continue with the dramatic opening of God’s Book of Destiny that spells out the future of the world. We should be reminded that Jesus, the Son of God is the only one worthy to open this book. He’s stepped forward, taken the book from God’s hand, and has begun to break the seven seals that hold the book closed.

When Jesus began to break the seals in order to open the book the most astounding things began to happen. As the seals were broken, what was written in the book was actually leaping off its pages and being acted out before John and the heavenly host.

Now, let’s take a look at the fifth seal as it is broken.

1. **Slain for God’s Word**
   1. Revelation 6:9
      1. Slain for God’s Word.
      2. Slain for the testimony they had borne fort Christ.
   2. Scripture tells us that people will still love Christ and believe.
   3. The world will act against believers because of their belief in Christ.
      1. The state (Antichrist) will demand allegiance and require silence about Christ.
      2. In the end times narrative, you will be martyred for believing in Jesus.
2. **Cry for Justice**
   1. Revelation 6:10
   2. God is addressed as Sovereign Lord, Holy and True.
      1. God is supreme master and sovereign of the universe.
      2. God is true to his word, then, now, and forever.
   3. The Martyrs cry out for vindication not vengeance.
      1. To stop the injustice against His Word and against His Son.
      2. To stop the injustice against His own glory and justice.
      3. To stop the injustice of sin and evil against Himself.
      4. To stop the injustice of unrighteousness and to bring righteousness to the universe.
   4. The martyr knows above all others how terribly sin insults and rages against God.
   5. When the martyr reaches heaven, they are bound to cry out:
      1. Revelation 6:10
      2. Psalm 74:10
      3. Psalm 79:5-6
      4. Psalm 94:3-4
3. **White Robes and Rest**
   1. Revelation 6:11
   2. Martyrs are given white robes.
      1. Representing purity and righteousness.
      2. All believers will eventually wear these same robes.
   3. Martyrs are resting in heaven:
      1. They’re waiting in the peace of Christ, free from all struggles.
      2. They’re resting from all their exhausting labor upon earth.
      3. They’re resting from the wicked of the earth.
      4. They are resting from all the trials and temptations of life; they’re freed from all tears, sorrow, crying, pain, and death.
      5. They’re resting in the perfection of a new life, even in the righteousness of Jesus.

**Application / Next Steps**

We should never question if the end will come… but know that it will occur.

The name of Jesus has yet to proclaimed enough to the world.

People will still be martyred for Jesus.

Are we on fire for the Lord? Are we proclaiming His name? Are we willing to witness for Him… even to the point of losing our lives?

**2 Timothy 1:8 (ESV),**

**Therefore, do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God.**

**Acts 4:20 (ESV),**

**For we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.**