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The Two Witnesses
Revelation 11:1-14

Summary

This sermon from Revelation 11:1-13 explores one of the most challenging chapters in Revelation, focusing on God's two witnesses during the end times. Pastor Mike Bullmore acknowledges the difficulty of interpreting this passage while emphasizing that God has revealed it for our understanding. The passage describes two witnesses who will prophesy for 1,260 days (3.5 years) during a time of intense persecution and judgment. These witnesses represent the witnessing church in the last days, empowered by the Holy Spirit to boldly proclaim God's message even in the face of opposition. Though they will eventually be killed by the beast from the bottomless pit, God will resurrect them and call them to heaven, demonstrating His ultimate authority over life and death. The sermon emphasizes that even in the darkest times, God positions, protects, remains present with, and ultimately promotes His people into everlasting life.

Questions

1. What does it mean that God will 'position His people for witness' and how do you see this happening in your own life or community?
2. The two witnesses are described as 'olive trees and lampstands' - what does this imagery tell us about how believers should function in the world?
3. How does knowing that God protects His people 'until His purposes are complete' change your perspective on current challenges or fears?
4. The passage shows that witnessing often comes with opposition. How can we prepare ourselves mentally and spiritually for potential resistance to our faith?
5. What encouragement do you find in the fact that Jesus has 'been there before you' in suffering, as referenced when the text mentions 'where their Lord was crucified'?
6. The witnesses are eventually killed but then resurrected. How does this pattern of death and resurrection give us hope for our own struggles and ultimate destiny?
7. How can we maintain our focus on eternal realities when we're dealing with immediate, pressing concerns in daily life?
8. What does it look like practically to live as people who are 'positioned for witness' in our current context - at work, in our neighborhoods, or with our families?

Application

This week, identify one specific way you can be a faithful witness in your current circumstances. Whether it's through your words, actions, or character, ask God to help you boldly represent Him while trusting in His protection and presence. Remember that your ultimate promotion is secure in Christ, which should free you to take risks for the gospel.

Key Takeaways

1. God will position His people for witness during times of persecution and judgment
2. God will protect His people in their witnessing until His purposes are complete
3. God will be present with His people through all suffering, even through death
4. God will ultimately promote His people into everlasting life through resurrection
5. The two witnesses represent the witnessing church empowered by the Holy Spirit in the last days