

Key Scriptures

And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" ¹¹ Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed. **Revelation 6:10-11 NKJV**

The Lord is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love... **Psalm 145:8 NLT**

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. **2 Peter 3:9 NIV**

And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶ and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! ¹⁷ For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?" **Revelation 6:15-17 NKJV**

Sermon Points:

God is **Slow** to anger.

Our **Victory** is found in God's perfect Justice.

Jesus is in control

Even in **Judgement** God's heart remains turned toward **Repentance**

"Who can stand in the great day of His Wrath? – The **Church**

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- On a scale of 1-10, how easy is it for you to remember that **Jesus is in control** even when the world feels chaotic? Why did you choose that number?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- Reflect on the **Four Horsemen**. How does understanding that Jesus is behind the unfolding of these events change the way you view both God's judgment and the current state of the world?
- How do you process the idea of God's **patience** in delaying final judgment, as described in the **Fifth Seal** (Revelation 6:9-11)? Why do you think God waits?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Share a time when it felt difficult to believe that **God's justice** was in control of a chaotic or painful situation. How did you respond, and how can the truth of Jesus' control over all things change how you face difficulty now?
- How does the truth that **God's judgments are also invitations to repentance** challenge the way you think about those who are far from God?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

We come before You in awe of Your perfect justice, mercy, and love. We thank You that even in times of judgment, You remain in control, and Your desire is not for destruction but for repentance and restoration. Help us to remember that You are sovereign over all things, and because of Jesus, we can stand in confidence before You without fear. May we live each day with the assurance that You are in control, and may that assurance give us peace, courage, and a boldness to share Your love with others. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Reflect on the question: "Who can stand?" Spend time this week reflecting on your own response to God's call to stand confidently in Christ. Write down what it means for you to "stand" before God in light of what Jesus has done.
- Identify someone in your life who needs to hear the message of **God's justice and mercy**. Pray over them this week and invite them to your small group or church.