

EDGEMONT BIBLE CHURCH

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**“BEING A RESTORED HUMAN”**



**“MARTYRDOM & THE VENGEANCE OF GOD”  
REVELATION 6:9-11; SELECTED SCRIPTURES**

**I. THE CHARACTER OF GOD**

- A. *The mercy of God*
- B. *The goodness of God*
- C. *The protection and love of God for His own*
- D. *The longsuffering of God*

**II. THE PROMISED VENGEANCE OF GOD**

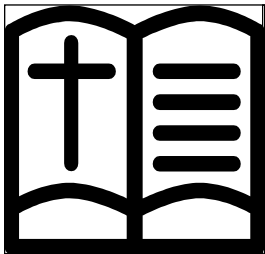
- A. *The justice of God*
- B. *His concern for the poor, needy, and oppressed*
- C. *2 Thess. 1:3-10; Psalm 79:10; Psa 94:1-2,23*

**III. THE HUMAN DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE DELAY**

- A. *The seeming lack of protection and justice that had been assumed; expectation leads to disappointment that can lead to unbelief*
- B. *Prayers of Jesus and of the saints - “How long...”*
- C. *Patience of Christ and of the saints*

**IV. WHY MARTYRDOM?**

- A. *The martyrdom of the fifth seal is not a new thing; martyrdom has happened throughout history.*
- B. *The fifth seal martyrs are not the judgment of God but the wrath of man; it is the early moves of the antichrist that will worsen dramatically after the middle of the tribulation added to those who have died since Creation*
- C. *The fifth seal, though, reveals the nearness of God’s vengeance; “rest a little” almost over!*



- D. A word about a pre-tribulation rapture: God spares His people OUT of His judgment of the world and He spares them in His judgment of wrong by His own people according to His Word*
- E. Sometimes martyrdom has happened when God removes the restraints normally placed on the wicked that He may have just cause for the destruction of the wicked*
- F. Martyrdom is the ultimate suffering; suffering is a major part of believer's sanctification; suffering is a purifier that weens us from our love of this world*
- G. Martyrdom is the ultimate test of faith and fidelity.*
- H. Suffering and martyrdom purifies one's longing for God and desire to be with Him*
- I. Christ's martyrdom purchased our salvation; our martyrdom identifies with His; our martyrdom has often been the cause for many others to come to Christ*
- J. Martyrdom comes when the disparity between true faith and the world system becomes too great for the world to be comfortable with; it is only when our faith becomes threatening to the world system that martyrdom is at hand*
- K. When our love for Christ and His way becomes so strong that it is our life (godliness) then persecution that leads to martyrdom is very near*
- L. The role of Satan in martyrdom; with him, the role of Mystery Babylon and conquest in the world*
- “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints”***