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Who Is That Angel?

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TODAY'S READING: Revelation 10

After the catastrophes resulting from the angel blowing the sixth trumpet, something strange happens in Revelation 10. (As if the things that have already happen were not strange enough.) A little book is taken from heaven to earth by an "angel."

There are many ideas of who that "angel" will be. Many believe it to be Jesus. Here are some of the reasons why:

- If you believe the "angel" Moses met at the burning bush (Exodus 3:2) to be the preincarnate Christ, then that is at least one instance where Jesus is referred to as an angel.
- No other angel in the Bible has ever been described how this "angel" is in Revelation 10:1-4.
- Many of the descriptions of this "angel" sound like words used to refer to Jesus in other scriptures. These include: "lion" and other words describing His brilliant appearance (Revelation 10:1) and His speech (Revelation 10:3-4).
- The angel will have in his hand an opened book (Revelation 10:2). Since Jesus will have previously opened the book's seals in heaven, the book would now be open. It makes sense that it will be that book that was brought to earth by Jesus.

Whoever the "angel" will be, John will request the book. The angel tells John to take it and eat it. When John did so, the pages were sweet to his taste but bitter in his belly (Revelation 10:9-10).

Whatever this book is, it had a similar reaction to John's "eating" it that many have today with the Word of God. It may sound "sweet" in certain passages when the application is not directed to the reader. But when the Word of God is taken personally and applied to our life, it has the power to convict us of our sin. When we are under conviction by the Holy Spirit, it will be "bitter" to our stomachs.

No matter how many times I read through and study the Book of Revelation, it is still hard to understand. But one thing I know beyond a shadow of a doubt, God has a plan and we get to be a part of it. PRAISE THE LORD!

PRAYER: Lord, thank You for Your tender mercies that are new everyday. Help us trust You as we walk through this world waiting for You to come back and get us, who endure to the end.

TOMORROW'S READING: Weekend is for catch-up and review. **MONDAY'S READING:** Revelation 11

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