

# The Tale of Two Testimonies

## WHEN THE 5TH SEAL IS OPENED: Revelation 6:9-11

**Souls under the altar** - followers of Jesus who have been \_\_\_\_\_ in the 1st half of the Tribulation.

**The Cry of Innocent Blood - Genesis 4:10, Job 16:18; Place** - locked away, in this context, means a \_\_\_\_\_ that would never be discovered

## **The Cry of the Humble: Psalm 9:12**

**Martyrs** - humble, they \_\_\_\_\_ that God take action; \_\_\_\_\_ God's sovereignty and character; submit to His \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ given to them

**Comfort** is given to them: a white robe - indicating righteousness, a message - they should rest

**Fellow martyrs** - \_\_\_\_\_ of the Tribulation; Rev. 20:4

Souls will be \_\_\_\_\_ to receive their glorified bodies at the end of the Tribulation.

**Rest** - a resting place, hidden away, \_\_\_\_\_, in the presence of the Lord. 2 Cor. 5:7-9

**Tribulation martyrs** - a testimony of \_\_\_\_\_, the best of times; **Earth-dwellers** - the worst of times

## WHEN THE 6TH SEAL IS OPENED: Rev 6:12-17 - Hyperbole? Why not \_\_\_\_\_?

The \_\_\_\_\_ of people on Earth shows us how extreme it is: They are \_\_\_\_\_

### **MARTYRS –**

Face persecution with \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus with obedience, worship, and courage

\_\_\_\_\_ suffering

\_\_\_\_\_ – not man

### **UNBELIEVERS –**

\_\_\_\_\_ followers of Jesus

\_\_\_\_\_ their lives to God

\_\_\_\_\_, fear God - but not with reverence.

Try to \_\_\_\_\_ from God's wrath

Know that they \_\_\_\_\_

Want to \_\_\_\_\_

**Martyrs:** live a life of \_\_\_\_\_ and fearing God with reverence.

**Unbelievers:** live a life of \_\_\_\_\_ and fear of God's wrath.

*Let us walk by faith and fear God, not man. Rom. 12:1-2, Gal. 5:16, 25*

**Sacrifice** - offer our whole lives to the Lord to do \_\_\_\_\_ He wants to do with us.

- The Lord is the One \_\_\_\_\_ in us, to will and do of His good pleasure.
- Martyrs in the Tribulation will be strengthened by the Lord to \_\_\_\_\_ in persecution and death.
- We too are to \_\_\_\_\_ on the strength, the presence, the grace, the \_\_\_\_\_ to do whatever it is that He wants of us.

By Randy Alcorn December 26, 2014 <https://www.epm.org/resources/2014/Dec/26/afraid-what/>

In my novel Safely Home, while facing martyrdom, Li Quan quotes a poem called “Afraid.” A reader recently asked about the origin of that poem. On his blog, Tim Challies shares this explanation: The poem, entitled “Afraid?” was written by Presbyterian missionary E.H. Hamilton following the recent martyrdom [in 1931] of one of his colleagues, J.W. Vinson, at the hands of rebel soldiers in northern China. A small Chinese girl who escaped from the bandits related the incident that provided the inspiration for Hamilton’s poem.

“Are you afraid?” the bandits asked Vinson as they menacingly waved a gun in front of him. “No,” he replied with complete assurance. “If you shoot, I go straight to heaven.” His decapitated body was found later.

“Afraid?” by E.H. Hamilton

Afraid? Of what?  
To feel the spirit’s glad release?  
To pass from pain to perfect peace,  
The strife and strain of life to cease?  
Afraid? Of that?

Afraid? Of what?  
Afraid to see the Saviour’s face,  
To hear His welcome, and to trace,  
The glory gleam from wounds of grace,  
Afraid? Of that?

Afraid? Of what?  
A flash - a crash - a pierced heart;  
Brief darkness - Light - O Heaven’s art!  
A wound of His a counterpart!  
Afraid? Of that?

Afraid? Of what?  
To enter into Heaven’s rest,  
And yet to serve the Master blessed?  
From service good to service best?  
Afraid? Of that?

Afraid? Of what?  
To do by death what life could not -  
Baptize with blood a stony plot,  
Till souls shall blossom from the spot?  
Afraid? Of that?