

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?