

(1) Talk about the many biblical texts that were mentioned in the sermon that highlight God's sovereignty over nature, events on the earth, people and their choices, etc. Perhaps you should read aloud Psalm 147:8-9; Job 9:5-10; 26:7-14; 37:2-24; Prov. 19:21; 21:1; Deut. 32:39; 1 Sam. 12:6; Eph. 1:11; Daniel 4:34-35. What is your reaction to these texts?

(2) Who is the "mighty angel" in Revelation 10? Do you think it is Jesus Christ or an angel that serves as his representative?

(3) John is instructed not to write down the content of the 7 thunders. How does this affect your attitude toward the future? Are you ok in not knowing everything? How does it affect the temptation we all feel to speculate and to be dogmatic about what is yet to come?

(4) What are some of the practical implications from Revelation 10, specifically, how does it help you face the challenges of living in a fallen and evil world in which the enemies of the gospel seem to be winning?

(5) Talk about the ways in which the truths of the Bible are both sweet in your mouth and bitter in your stomach. In what sense is the Bible a "bittersweet" revelation from God?