

**Center UMC/October 23, 2011/Revelation 14:6-20**  
**Startled By The Truth Of The Gospel: Judgment & Its Finality**  
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And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. Revelation 20:12-13

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--His eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. Romans 1:18-20

Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth--to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come. Worship Him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water." Revelation 14:6-7

"World evangelism statistics: Of the 55 least evangelized countries, 97% of their population lives within the (10° - 40° latitude north of Equator) 10/40 Window.

Unless something changes soon, huge numbers of these unreached people will never hear the Gospel. Why? Well, Justin Long estimates that only about 10% of the global missionary force is working there. Open evangelism is difficult and even impossible because of governmental restrictions. . . Christian Missions. <http://home.snu.edu/~hculbert/1040.htm>

- 82% of the world's poorest, per capita GNP less than US \$500 per year
- 84% of those with lowest quality of life (life expect/infant mortality/literacy)
- The hub of the world's non-Christian religions (Islam 865m., Buddhism 275m., Hinduism 550m., tribal and animist 140m., 17m. Jews.
- Close to 100% of most-poor/least-access to Christian resources
- The least Christian resource investment/least sharing of the Christianity



The 10/40 Window encompasses, Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Chad, China, Cyprus, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Gambia, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, India, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, North Korea, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South-Korea, Sudan, Syria, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam, Western Sahara, and Yemen

1. The Gospel is an everlasting Gospel. It is in nature and
2. consequences.
3. It is a work fit for an angel to preach. It has both dignity and difficulty
4. It is of great concern to all the world.
5. It is the great message whereby men are brought near to God.
6. When idolatry creeps into the churches of God, it is by the preaching of the gospel, attended by the power of the Holy Spirit, that men are turned from idols to serve the living God, as the Creator of the heavens and the earth... Matthew Henry

The announcement of divine judgment is never separated from the proclamation of God's mercy. Expositor's Bible Commentary, 540