

Preparations for Judgment: 5th Seal Revelation 6:9-11

I. REPORT: "souls...who had been slain" (v.9)

A. **Master**: "He broke the fifth seal" (v.9a)

1. Authority: "He (*the Lamb - v.1*)"

2. Access: "broke the fifth seal"

B. **Martyrs**: "underneath the altar...souls" (v.9b)

1. Word: "because of the word of God" (*Biblical truth*)

2. Witness: "because of the testimony" (*Personal truth*)

II. REQUEST: "How long, O Lord?" (v.10)

A. **Cry for Justice**: "How long?" (*judgment not yet happening*) (v.10a)

1. Condemnation: "from judging" (= *passing sentence*)

2. Consequences: "from avenging" (= *punishing sinners*)

B. **Character of Jesus**: "O Lord" (*despot, master, ruler*) (v.10b)

1. Dedicated: "holy" (= *separate from what is common*)

2. Dependable: "true" (= *genuine, real, trustworthy*)

III. REST: "a little while longer" (v.11)

A. **Clothing**: "a white robe" (v.11a)

B. **Comfort**: "they should rest" (v.11b)

1. Waiting: "a little while longer"

2. Watching: "who were to be killed...completed"