

Revelation 10: 8-11

Luke 19: 45-48

Jesus calls us to be prophets of his Word. The Word of God. In order to do this, we need to digest it, just like John is asked to do in the Reading. As we read, we can discover the sweetness of its contents. But, having taken it in, we need to live it. This, latter, is the sourness described by the angel of God. At an everyday level, living out God's word may not be easy. Proclaiming it can meet with opposition and even persecution. The angel tells John, "You are to prophesy again." And we are called to do the same!

In the Gospel we find Jesus, the very Word of God, driving out from the temple those who were selling. This was Jesus proclaiming the message with the zeal he asks of us. 'The chief priests and the scribes, with the support of the leading citizens, tried to do away with him. But they did not know how they could carry this out because the people, as a whole, hung on his words.' We need to fill ourselves with the word of God so that we can proclaim it with the same zeal and effect that Jesus did. Despite the cost. This 'cost' is the same sourness referred to by the angel in Revelations.