

Sermon Questions

Revelation 8

This week we began to discuss the great and terrible Day of the Lord. As Revelation chapter 8 opens we hear about silence in heaven for about a half an hour because God's wrath is finally going to be unleashed on planet earth. This sobering text shows us the severity of our sin and the truth that God's holiness that cannot tolerate it. In the book of Genesis, we saw God destroy the world with a flood and in the book of Revelation we see a how God will ultimately purify the world from sin so that He may establish His reign. As you read Revelation 8, listen to the message and ponder the questions, may our God show you the importance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

The Day of the Lord

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Begins with the opening of the seventh seal (1a)

Silences heaven for about 30 minutes (1b)

Answers the prayers of His people (2-6)

Punishes without mercy (8-12)

Should not come as a surprise (13)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it here. After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please email to info@bravechurch.co and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

Questions

1. When does the Day of the Lord begin? What do some of the Old Testament prophets say about the Day of the Lord (Obadiah 1:15, Isaiah 2:10-11, 13:6-13, Joel 2:1-11, Amos 5:18-20)? Why is the Day of the Lord something you want to avoid?

2. How is God already pouring out His passive wrath (Romans 1:18-32)? What does society look like when it calls evil good and good evil (Isaiah 5:20)? What are some ways that our society has demonstrated a sexual revolution and a depraved mind?
3. When the seventh seal is broken what takes place in heaven? What would it be like to go from a loud overpowering noise to silence in a matter of moment? Why are God's people silent? What is about to take place? How does Zephaniah 1:7 prophesy this time?
4. What prayers is God answering? How does God respond to our prayers? Why is prayer so important? Does God enjoy hearing from you? How are you growing in your prayer life right now?
5. What role did the trumpet play in Israel's history (Numbers 10:1-10)? How many angels and trumpets are described in the passage? How many priests and trumpets are involved in the battle of Jericho (Joshua 6:4)? What is the significance of God's trumpet judgements?
6. Why will Christians NOT experience the Day of Lord described in Revelation chapters 8 and 9? What does 1 Thessalonians 1:10 and 5:9 promise the believer? Then why do Christians need to be aware of God's plan? How does this impact the way we share the Gospel? How does this help us consider our lost friends and family members?
7. Why does God punish sin without mercy? How important is the holiness of God? How does the death of Christ on the cross satisfy the wrath of God for those who believe? How does a rejection of Christ's sacrifice on the cross invite the wrath of God (John 3:36)?
8. What is the result of the first, second, third and fourth trumpet? How devastating will these judgments be on the earth? How will they effect the ecosystem involving vegetation, lakes, rivers, oceans, and temperatures? How will these judgements impact humanity as a whole? Who do you know that at this point would still be here for these judgements? How can you be praying for the them and sharing the Gospel with them?
9. Why should these judgements not come as a surprise? How has God been trying to get the world's attention to repent?
10. What is the impact of the eagle flying overhead and announcing *woe* three times? How much worse are things going to get? Why is God so sincere about punishing sin?
11. If these judgements scare you, what keeps you from repenting?

12. How is God asking you to apply the truth of this week's message in your life? What steps of faith do you need to make?