

Sermon Questions

Revelation 9

This week we studied the sobering words of Revelation 9 and saw the severity of the first two woes. While the first four trumpet judgements focused on the ecology of the earth, the next three trumpets focus specifically on unrepentant people (the fifth, sixth and seventh trumpet are referred to as the three woes). As the fifth and sixth trumpets are blown we learn of God using a demonic hoard to punish unrepentant people on the earth. This unrelenting punishment during the Day of the Lord is difficult to read and even more challenging to engage since many of us picture the people we know who are presently lost and apart from Christ. However, a clear understanding of Revelation 9 helps us understand the holiness of God and the necessity of His judgment.

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

The First Two Woes

Revelation 9

Some people stubbornly refuse to believe...

The sincerity of Christ's words that judgment for sin is inevitable (1-6)

The reality of demons that desire to destroy (7-12)

The severity of punishment that your sin deserves (13-19)

The necessity of repentance for salvation (20-21)

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. What is the Gospel? What does the Gospel save us from? How was our sin paid for? What happens to God's wrath when we trust in Jesus Christ? Why? Have you repented of your sins and trusted Jesus Christ?
2. Why are the fifth, sixth and seventh trumpet called the three woes? How do these woes differ from the first four trumpets? How sobering is a thorough study of Revelation 9?

3. Why was a key given to open the bottomless pit (abyss)? How significant is the fact that God is in control over demons and will even use them for His purposes?
4. What is the smoke coming from the pit (Revelation 14:11)? How significant will suffering in hell be for those who do not believe that Jesus is the Christ?
5. Who is released from the bottomless pit? What is the purpose of releasing these demon-locusts? How are they going to hurt mankind? For how long will their torture endure?
6. During the torture described in the blowing of the fifth trumpet, why won't people simply commit suicide? Describe in your own words the awful nature of this judgment.
7. Why do people find it difficult to believe in the reality of satan and demons? What is the intention of demonic activity?
8. Can Christians be possessed by a demon? Can Christians be oppressed by a demon? What is the purpose of satan and the use of his demonic hoard? Why is satan often referred to with the word *destruction*? What does satan want to destroy?
9. As a Bible interpreter why should we be careful in attempting to interpret "exactly" what John was seeing? Why is being a humble interpreter of the book of Revelation important?
10. When the sixth trumpet is sounded what do we see? How scary is the judgment of the sixth trumpet that will kill 1/3 of mankind? How much of the earth's population will have been killed by the time the sixth trumpet judgment is finished?
11. When you hear of this judgment how does it spur your heart for the ministry of evangelism? Should we ever give up on praying for the lost?
12. Once all of the devastation of the fifth and sixth trumpet is completed do people turn to God? Why? What does this tell you about the heart of people at this time? How will these people act like Pharaoh did in the book of Exodus?
13. Why is repentance essential for salvation? Why do people today still refuse to repent?
14. What do the people refuse to repent of? How are we like the people in Revelation 9? What are the idols you see in our culture? How are you tempted by them? What are the ways people murder one another today in our culture according to Jesus? How are you tempted in this way? What are some of the ways our culture worships drugs and the magic arts? How are you tempted by them? What are some of the ways people are sexually immoral in our culture today? How are you tempted by them?

What are some of the ways that people are thefts in our culture today? How are you tempted by them?

15. What has been your biggest take-a-way from the text and the teaching of Revelation 9? What specific applications will you make this week?