

**REVELATION 9:13-21**

Please turn in your Bibles this evening to Revelation chapter 9 as we continue our study through the Word of God and the book of Revelation.

As we have seen, God is pouring out His wrath upon a Christ rejecting world and it all began with the opening of the seven seal judgments, which brought cataclysmic events upon the earth.

It is so bad that in just the first four seal judgments, one-fourth of the earth's population is destroyed! We are told of that in Revelation 6:8, "**So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.**"

From those seal judgments we moved into the trumpet judgments, and we saw that the seventh seal judgment contained the seven trumpet judgments.

And once again we saw with four of those seven trumpet judgments, devastation upon man and upon this planet!

Then, before the fifth trumpet judgment sounds, we are told in Revelation 8:13, "**And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, 'Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!'**"

In other words, if you thought those first four trumpet judgments were bad, you ain't seen nothing yet, it is going to get a lot worse.

In our last study we looked at the fifth trumpet judgment, the first woe, and we saw that Satan was given the keys to the bottomless pit and he opened the door to unleash all these demons who have been chained for this judgment, and they were unleashed upon mankind!

And this is what we are told, this is how bad it will be. In Revelation 9:5-6 we are told, **“And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man. In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.”**

The sting of these demons will be so intense, like a scorpion, that men will want to die because of the pain but death will take a holiday for five months!

And then we are told in Revelation 9:12, **“One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.”**

Again, if you thought these demons were scary, you ain't seen nothing yet, because it is going to get worse, much worse. And we will see that as the judgment of God continues on from the trumpet judgments through the bowl judgments!

Kind of like labor pains, as it gets closer and closer to the delivery of the baby, the pain increases in intensity and frequency until the birth of the child.

The pain of these judgments will also increase in intensity and frequency until the birth of the Kingdom Age when Jesus returns to set up His Kingdom on this earth and rule and reign for one-thousand years!

Now I realize that reading of all this judgment, especially in a world we live in today, is not that encouraging. I do understand that but keep in mind that for the Kingdom Age to come, God must take out those who reject Him and would rather live apart from Him in darkness. They refuse to go to the light of God.

Let me share this with you and you will see that there is light out there, even during these very dark days we are living in, we just need to understand who we need to focus on. We are told,

On the morning of Lincoln's death, a crowd of fifty thousand people gathered before the Exchange building in New York.

Feelings ran high, natural enough in the circumstances, and there was danger of its finding expression in violence.

Then a well-built man in [a] officers uniform stepped to the front of the balcony, and in a voice that rang like a trumpet call, cried:

***“Fellow citizens! Clouds and darkness are round about Him. His pavilion is dark waters, and thick clouds of the skies. Justice and judgment are the establishment of His throne. Mercy and truth go before His face. Fellow citizens! God reigns! And the government at Washington still lives!”***

Instantly the tumult was stilled, as the people grasped the import of those sublime words.

The speaker was General James A. Garfield, himself to become a martyr-president sixteen years later.

- Moody Monthly

That is something we must never forget. That God is in control. It doesn't matter what you are going through, it doesn't matter how chaotic things may look, God is and will always be in control, and that folks, should be a comfort to your hearts and your lives!

I think most of us understand that things in this world are not going to get better, not in the short-term. They are moving towards a one-world government, the rising up of the Antichrist who is put into power by the one-world religion, a cashless society and immorality that has not been seen in our lifetime.

In other words, if you think it is bad now, hold on to your hats because it is going to get a lot worse as the darkness grows.

Keep your eyes upward and keep shining for Jesus because He is coming back, and we hold on to that fact. We await the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ!

With that as our introduction let's begin reading in Revelation chapter 9, beginning in verse 13 and let's see what the Lord has for us as we study through His Word and we look at this sixth trumpet judgment!

## **REVELATION 9**

### **VERSES 13-14**

These angels we see here in Revelation chapter 9 are not the same ones we saw in Revelation chapter 7 holding back the winds of judgment from blowing across the land.

Those were holy angels and I believe these here in Revelation chapter 9 are fallen angels. Some may disagree, but the context here, I believe, points to them being demonic in nature.

How can I be so sure?

Think about it. Holy angles are not bound, but willing serve the Lord!

But there are those fallen angels, demons, that have been chained for this day of Judgment.

We talked about this with those angels that were chained in the bottomless pit last time, that they too are fallen angels that have been preserved for this judgment of God.

Remember what we read in II Peter 2:4, “**For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment.**”

The judgment is not for them, but the judgment from God upon the inhabitants of the earth. And He will use these demons, these fallen angels to bring forth this judgment.

We saw this again in Jude 1:6, “**And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day.**”

As we will see, I believe that these are fallen angels spoken of with both the fifth and sixth trumpet judgments.

It is as Newell wrote, “*Most of Satan’s angels are yet free – being the principalities against which we wrestle, but some terrible offenders of high rank have been bound.*”

We are told that John “**heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God.**” Revelation 9:13.

Whose voice is this?

We are not sure. Some feel it is the voice of God, it could be, but again, we can’t be dogmatic about it.

And we see that this voice calls for the release of these four angels that have been kept for this specific judgment that is going to take place at a specific period of time!

Also, remember what we read in Revelation 6:9-11 of the martyred Tribulation saints. We saw that this martyred Tribulation saints are under this altar asking God to intervene and deal with the injustices taking place, to establish His Kingdom on the earth.

And in Revelation 8:5 it is the censer filled with incense from this altar or the prayers of the saints that is cast down to the earth in fiery judgment against a Christ rejecting world.

As we come to Revelation chapter 9 we see judgment come from the altar of incense, God is answering the prayers of the saints!

We are also told of the location of this judgment, where it is going to come from, the area is the Euphrates River.

The River Euphrates begins by Mount Ararat in Turkey and flows for some 1700 miles before it empties into the Persian Gulf.

The Euphrates River, besides being the natural boundary separating the east from the west is also the boundary of land given to the nation of Israel in Genesis 15:18.

Also, in Genesis 2:14 the Euphrates River flowed from the Garden of Eden.

Thus, we see in this area the beginning of sin, of murder, after the flood the tower of Babel was erected in this area, which later became the city of Babylon, which was the fountainhead of idolatry and occult practices!

Even today we see the spread of the militant religion of Islam that is spreading across the face of the earth.

And it is out of this area that God will send forth his judgment, the second woe of the three woes that are coming to pass, the sixth trumpet judgment!

Let me throw this out, it is interesting to me.

Back with the fifth trumpet judgment in Revelation chapter 9 we see that there is this bottomless pit and thus, a shaft you might say from this bottomless pit leads up to the surface of the earth so that as Satan is allowed to open that door, all these demons are released.

But where is this shaft located?

We know that the bottomless pit is located in the center of the earth because that is the only place where something is bottomless. No matter what direction you go, you are moving up!

It is possible that the shaft to this pit is somewhere near the Euphrates River!

I already spoke of a few of these things but look at all that took place in this area.

***The Garden of Eden was somewhere in this area.***

***The sin of man began here.***

***The first murder was committed here.***

***The first war was fought here.***

***The sin that brought the Flood upon the earth started here.***

***Here is where the Tower of Babel was erected along with the first cult.***

***To this area were brought the Israelites of the Babylonian captivity.***

***Babylon was the fountainhead of idolatry headquartered in this area.***

***Here is the final surge of sin on the earth during the Great Tribulation Period.***

It is a possibility that this is where this bottomless pit is located and where these demons will be released.

VERSE 15

Do you see the difference from the demonic locusts described in the fifth trumpet where they were only allowed to torment mankind for five months, not kill them! In fact, man will want to die but he will not be able to escape that judgment!

But here we see God give these demons the authority to kill and not just kill, but to kill on a massive scale.

I will talk more about that in a minute.

Also notice that these angels were prepared for a specific time period.

Does that mean that this judgment will last 13 months and 25 hours?

I don't think that is the point, it may be, but again, I don't think that is what is being said.

It may, but not necessarily.

I believe that the point that is being made here is that there is a specific time coming when these angels will be unleashed to cause death and destruction upon the earth.

In other words, there is a divine plan that is to be carried out. There is an exact hour of God's judgment, and it will come to pass.

Walter Scott put it this way in regard to these fallen angels who are about to be loosened, he said, "*These angelic ministers of judgment act under divine control; they cannot act without express command.*"

In the book of Ecclesiastes, Solomon speaks of God's timetable in the life of men and women.

He says beginning in verse 1 of chapter 3, **"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to gain, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; A time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace."** Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.

Solomon is saying that God has a set time for different things to come to pass.

For us as Christians, waiting is one of the hardest things we can do. To wait upon the Lord to act by either changing our heart or to give to us the desires of our heart that is in line with His heart, His will, is very difficult, as we all know too well!

We all have wasted much time and energy being frustrated on how long it is taking for God to respond.

And what happens is we become weakened through these times if we continue to be frustrated.

But what can we do to be strengthened?

The answer is simple and yet it is one of the most difficult things for us to do.

We are told through the prophet Isaiah, **“But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”** Isaiah 40:31.

Understand this, the time **WAITING** upon the Lord is never wasted time!

It is a time of growth and preparation for the work He has called you to do. It should be a time of refreshing as you wait for God’s will to be done in your life. It is not that you just sit back and do nothing. But as you are serving the Lord, He will guide you, He will direct you, He will lead you in what to do and where to go!

And as God begins to move, He will carry you. He will strengthen you. He will give you the energy and ability to do the work He has called you to do. Never forget that God has a plan for each of us, a time for certain things to be done in our lives.

Remember, **“To everything there is a season.”**

Even His divine judgment which is coming upon the land!

We saw that with the fourth seal where one-fourth of the inhabitants of the earth were killed. That is some 2 billion people!

And here with this sixth trumpet blast we see another one-third of the inhabitants of the earth killed.

So if we are down to 6 billion people after the first four judgments, then one-third of 6 billion is another 2 billion people will be killed.

Now we have not filtered out those Christians who were raptured before the Tribulation Period starts. And we have not filtered out those earth dwellers who died in the other seal judgments or even the first four trumpet judgments. We have not filtered out the multitude of those who have come to the faith during the Tribulation Period and were martyred for their faith! That would truly increase the numbers!

So the earth's population could have dropped to well under 4 billion people and the judgment of God is not over yet!

Again, we can't even comprehend death on this scale, it is like a slaughterhouse. Imagine the carnage that will fill the land. And out of all this death I'm sure we will see more pestilence!

I am sure you have heard that there are those out there that want to see the world's population decrease, and not just by a little. They want the earth's population to drop by a lot, not just a million here or a million there!

In fact, these movers and shakers of society feel that the earth's population should be less than 500 million people! I am sure they are not the ones who will be eliminated!

Let me share this with you and I think you will see how creepy it is and what they are promoting. These stones are called *Georgia Guidestones* and listen to what we are told about them.

Mysterious stones raised in the southern US have been at the heart of conspiracy theories claiming billions should die in order to keep the world.

The Georgia Guidestones, massive granite slabs that stand on a hill about nine miles north of the city of Elberton, have been called the "*American Stonehenge*" by some online.

While visitors have been drawn to the unusual structure's design, many described an "uneasy" feeling when approaching the stones and reading its apparently-sinister inscriptions.

Raised at the height of the Cold War by a man using the false name, Robert C Christian, on behalf of “a small group of loyal Americans” – the stones seemingly offer guidance for people across the world.

Written in eight major world languages, the stones present their own twisted take on the 10 Commandments as many passages appearing to advocate large-scale population control, eugenics and globalism.

Among its more strange passages include “maintaining humanity under 500 million”, “guide reproduction wisely” and urging nations to resolve disputes in a “world court”.

Its passage on population control has drawn particular attention as the number of people on Earth in 1979 – when the structure was built – was 4.4 billion.

That would mean the world population would need to be slashed [today] by staggering 7 billion in order to meet the Georgia Guidestones’ demands.

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I wonder how they are going to feel when this begins to happen during the Tribulation Period, and they will not be able to escape this judgment of God!

Yes, they may be planning a reduction in the world population, but this is not from them, this is a judgment from God!

Joe Farrah (WorldNetDaily) in an article published way back in 2007 wrote,

There's no question the CFR is a club for wealthy elite power brokers who want – or already do – rule the world.

But how do they plan to do it?

How do spin-off groups like the Trilateral Commission and those with interlocking memberships such as the Bilderbergers plan to create a one-world government?

Some, including author Daniel Estulin in his new book, “The True Story of the Bilderberg Group,” have offered evidence of plans by the globalists to depopulate the world, to crush the middle class and to reduce most people to mere serfs [a slave bound to work].

- Joe Farrah – World Net Daily

### VERSES 16-19

Remember that with the fifth trumpet we saw demons unleashed from the abyss to inflict pain upon the earth dwellers.

Here with the sixth trumpet some believe that these are demons also, unleashed to kill one-third of the inhabitants of the earth.

Others see this as a literal military army that is coming across the land. I will expound on both and then I will tell you what I believe is going on here. And then you can pray about and come to your own conclusion.

First of all, is this number 200 million, literal or symbolic?

David Hocking put it like this, ***“It is possible that the number is not to be taken literally, but simply suggests an army that is impossible to count and is greater than anything mankind has ever seen.”***

Some see this number as being literal, thus, it is going to be 200 million!

But that is a huge number and there has never been an army that big!

Right now there is only one nation that can boast of having a militia of two hundred million.

And, interestingly enough, Time magazine, from the May 21, 1965 issue, on page 35, states that Red China makes the claim of having an army of two hundred million.

Napoleon said of this country, *“China is a sleeping giant, and God pity the generation that wakes her up.”*

Now, those who feel this is speaking of a literal army and probably China, feel that corresponding to this sixth trumpet is the sixth bowl judgment spoken of in Revelation chapter 16, where we read **“Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. ‘Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.’ And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.”**

Revelation 16:12-16.

What is located east of Israel?

***Red China!***

Now the Euphrates River runs for some 1700 miles, as I have said, and is anywhere from 3 to 12 miles wide with the average depth being about 30 feet.

So you can see that this river is a natural barrier between the eastern and western empires.

Imagine what it would take to have 200 million soldiers cross this river by boat, it would be very foolish.

But God said that He will dry up the waters of the Euphrates River, in which there is now a great dam in Turkey which crosses the Euphrates River and has the ability to dry it up.

These things are in place to stop this river at will, God's will.

But for what purpose will it be stopped?

We are told in verse 16 of Revelation chapter 16, **“And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.”**

If you took 200 million soldiers, marching them shoulder to shoulder, you would have a massive troop movement, to say the least.

It would be 1 mile wide and some 87 miles long.

Now in the book of Daniel we are told that the Antichrist moves to take control of the world, not through peace any longer, but through war and power.

And as he is down in North Africa, he gets word of a massive troop movement against him, and he turns back northward to deal with this insurrection.

Daniel 11:44 says **“But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many.”**

As this massive army moves further westward, some of the troops will move in from the north, the other half from the east, to meet the Antichrist and his forces in the valley of Megiddo.

This is the final conflict before Christ returns to set-up His Kingdom on this earth.

I do believe that what is spoken of in Revelation chapter 16 is a literal army, but I don't think that is what is being spoken of here.

One of the reasons is that they are going to kill two billion people or so and I don't see this army able to do that. We see nothing mentioned of a nuclear war causing this destruction and two billion people is a lot of people to kill with regular weapons!

And I know, as some read this, they feel that the description of this army is speaking of military weapons that John had no idea what they were and was just describing them.

I don't think so.

I will give you an example of why some feel this way.

The horse speaks of an instrument of war.

We see that in Job chapter 39 speaks of this. We read beginning in verse 19, **“Have you given the horse strength? Have you clothed his neck with thunder? Can you frighten him like a locust? His majestic snorting strikes terror. He paws in the valley, and rejoices in his strength; he gallops into the clash of arms. He mocks at fear, and is not frightened; nor does he turn back from the sword. The quiver rattles against him, the glittering spear and javelin. He devours the distance with fierceness and rage; nor does he come to a halt because the trumpet has sounded. At the blast of the trumpet he says, ‘Aha!’ He smells the battle from afar, the thunder of captains and shouting.”** Job 39:19-25.

But when you look at this description, these are not horses. Have you ever seen a horse, **“and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone.”** Revelation 9:17.

If you have, you need to talk with me after the study.

Ray Stedman has this view of what is described here. He feels that these are military weapons that John is describing. He wrote,

What can this be? Let us remember that we are reading an ancient book in which are described events that are still future to us. What we have here is modern warfare described in military terms of John's day.

“Breastplates” of various colors suggest armored chariots - i.e. tanks, missile launchers, and other vehicles of war, that are camouflaged with various colors (or perhaps are identified by national colors, since this is a conglomeration of armies coming together).

“Lion’s mouths” that are spouting fire and belching smoke suggest cannons and mortars - even nuclear missiles - killing with fire, radiation, and poisonous gases.

Tails like snakes that do injury perhaps describe modern helicopters, gunships, which have a rotor at the tail where also machine-guns and missile launchers are located. This may even depict weapons not yet invented.

I recognize it is difficult to say precisely what all this means, but it is obvious that here we have a great military campaign, which results in monstrous slaughter of enormous scope.

We are gradually being informed of what is about to happen, and we will see other pictures of these same events as the book continues to unfold. The final scene under the sixth trumpet is the reaction of mankind to these strange and disastrous things.

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Again, some feel that this is speaking of military weapons of war and what is fired out of them. It could be, but again, I don’t think so.

David Guzik gives us this insight. He wrote,

But, a human army this size has never been seen. The total size of all armies – on both sides – at the height of the Second World War was only 70 million.

In 1965 China claimed to have an army and militia of 200 million, but this claim was doubted by many.

Even if such an army was assembled, and marched towards the west, it is hard (but not impossible) to see such an army killing a billion or more people – a third of mankind.

Therefore, perhaps the safest interpretation is [not] to see this as a literal 200 million strong army, but a demonic army invading earth. This continues the idea of the demonic army like locusts described earlier in the chapter.

- David Guzik, Revelation 9

I have to admit that I did believe that this was an army of military soldiers that came from China, but I have changed my view on that, considering the large number of people that will be killed in this judgment by this army. And as I read the description that John is giving, it does not really fit military weapons.

I know, you are thinking that I am saying it is not an army and that it is an army, so what is it?

It is an army of demons that are unleashed upon the earth.

Remember what we read in Revelation 9:13-14, “**Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, ‘Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.’**”

Here we see these four very demonic fallen angels and it seems that each one of these demonic angels are in charge of one-quarter of this vast army of followers!

And again, it may be more than 200 million!

So, like the demons that were released from the bottomless pit in the fifth trumpet, I believe that these too are demons released by these four demonic angles and they are able to kill people, maybe upwards of two billion!

And here is the key for me that these are not a military army but demons. The sixth trumpet judgment and the sixth bowl judgment happen at different times and thus, what is happening here in Revelation chapter 9 is different from what we read in Revelation chapter 16, they are not speaking of the same thing!

Donald Grey Barnhouse gives us this insight. He wrote, ***“It might be well to point out also that so far as Asia is concerned, demon religions are all east of the Euphrates River. India is said to have thirty-three million gods and we are told in the Bible that “all the gods of the heathen are demons.” (Psalm 96:5)***

And you would think that after these destructive judgments of God that have come upon these rebellious people, that they would be ready to repent and turn back to God.

But that is not the case.

In fact, it has been said that ***“The two closing verses of this chapter reveal an astounding picture of human depravity.”***

I would have to agree!

#### VERSES 20-21

As you read this and you see all that has been taking place upon the people of this planet, you think that they would repent of their sin and come to Christ, as I have said. They know where this judgment is coming from, but their hearts are so hard that they refuse to repent, and they would rather worship the Antichrist than Jesus Christ!

Remember what we were told in Revelation 6:12-17, **“I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, ‘Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?’”**

You see, it is not a matter of the intellect, it is a matter of the heart, and they refuse to come to Jesus even though they can’t escape His judgment! And it will only get worse!

So those who are rejecting the Lord we see what is manifested in their lives. In these two verses we see five things in which they refuse to repent of.

And these cover the two tables of the Law, that which dealt with man’s relationship with God and that which dealt with man’s relationship with man.

We see here in Revelation 9:20 that they are into idolatry, which is nothing more than demon worship. This is dealing with the first table of the Law.

I know, hard to believe that idolatry is a big part of the last days scenario, but understand the evil that has permeated the earth at this time and God has given them over to these things. He gives them what they want!

How foolish people are.

Let me give you this example. They go out to the woods, locate a piece of wood, bring it home, carve out a face, eyes, nose and a mouth. They then set it upon a table, light some candles around it and worship it as a living god!

And yet that object is not alive except in the imagination of him who created it and him who worships it!

Keep in mind that by this time the Antichrist has already caused the sacrifices and oblations to the true God in the Temple to cease, and he has put his own image in the Holy of Holies and has demanded to be worshiped as God.

We are talking about worldwide idolatry and demonic worship.

Henry Morris gives us this insight. He wrote,

*For many years prior to Christ's return for His saints, there will have been a revival of occultism, astrology, spiritism, and kindred "doctrines of demons" even in western cultures, preparing the minds of men everywhere for a worldwide return to pagan idolatry in the final days of the cosmic rebellion.*

*Great worship centers will then be erected, with grotesque images of modern art depicting the various cosmic and terrestrial forces and processes presumably controlled by the principalities and powers of the wicked one and these will become objects of worship, with men and women in effect thus worshipping those evil spirits which they portray and represent.*

*Worshipping idols of gold and silver, brass and stone, and wood is of course the same as worshipping the demons who are associated with them (1 Corinthians 10:20).*

- Henry Morris

And we see this idolatry growing today, as hard as that is to believe. All kinds of occultic activity, New Age, eastern mysticism and-so-on.

The Psalmist expounds on this point as he speaks of the foolishness of worshiping idols. He said in Psalm 115 beginning inverse 4, **“Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men’s hands. They have mouths, but they do not speak; eyes they have, but they do not see; They have ears, but they do not hear; Noses they have, but they do not smell; They have hands, but they do not handle; feet they have, but they do not walk; nor do they mutter through their throat. Those who make them are like them; so is everyone who trusts in them.”**

Psalm 115:4-8.

What a true statement that is.

You see, we do become like the god’s or God we serve.

People whose god is materialism, sex, drugs, will manifest those characteristics. All you have to do is look at that person and you know where their heart is at by looking at the focus of their life.

In fact, their life is consumed with trying to fill that void that is in their hearts with all kinds of things, that will never satisfy! You see, that is a God shaped void and that void can only be filled by God, nothing else will work!

But if the Lord is the God you serve, then you will become more like Him. You will find rest, contentment, satisfaction in Him.

For the earth dwellers, we see dead sinners worshiping dead idols!

We worship the living God!

You see, our God is not dead, He is living and is able to respond to our hearts cry. The Psalmist said, **“I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my supplications.”**

Psalm 116:1.

As we continue on, in Revelation 9:21 we see John speak of murders, mind-altering drugs, fornication and stealing.

You see, if your relationship with God is askew, then your relationship with man will be askew also.

This is not the fruit that is produced in the life of a Christian, but the fruit of the unsaved, and it is rotten!

Paul tells us that the works of the unsaved are very clear. They do not have the Spirit of God to guide them down the right path. Thus, the things that are manifested in their lives no longer bothers them. Their conscious has been seared with a hot iron making them insensitive to what is right and what is wrong!

And look at how right is wrong today and wrong is right. We see lawlessness growing and it is growing fast. We see groups like Antifa and Black Lives Matter and they can riot, destroy buildings, destroy property, destroy statues and the media, the government praises them and encourages them. How sad that is!

One write had this to say about this. He wrote, ***“In addition to idolatry, violent crimes like murders will be rampant. Bereft [deprived] of any sense of morality, evil, unrepentant people will imitate the demon horde’s murderous blood lust. Believers in the true God will no doubt be their prime targets, as they lash out seeking revenge for the disasters God has brought on them.”***

And for us today, we have to be careful that we don't let the flesh drive us, but we let the Spirit of God guide us.

You see, if you are led by the Spirit, then the flesh will be kept under control.

Not that we are perfect, but we will manifest the fruit of the Spirit in our lives, we will manifest *LOVE!*

And it is out of that love that we see, "... joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control ..." Galatians 5:22-23.

It is as Paul said, "... Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." Galatians 5:16.

But for the earth dwellers, as I have said, they refuse to repent of their evil deeds.

It has been said that "*One of the clearest proofs of the depravity of man is his implacable hatred of the only solution to his greatest problem.*" Absolutely!

It is as Paul said in Romans 1:18-23, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man - and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things."

Do you see how blinding sin is and how rebellious man is towards God! And by the time we get to the Tribulation Period and the control the Antichrist and the False Prophet have on people, they will reject the only solution and worship the Antichrist!

And I can't say this enough and it doesn't matter what people may think. Jesus Christ is the only solution to man's problem and yet many refuse the solution to their broken fellowship with God, their sin!

Because of that judgment will come upon them. And at this point, many refuse to turn to the Lord, and they will see the third woe come upon them in the seventh trumpet judgment, which we will get to in a few weeks.

For those that know God, for those that know Christ, for those that are born again, these words in Revelation are comforting to us because we know that God is in control. He will take His Bride, the Church home before the Tribulation Period begins!

But, if you refuse to come to Him, understand this, He will judge you for your rebellion, and you will lose!

But the choice is always yours!

If you are hungry, if you are thirsty this evening, meditate on these words of Jesus found in John 6:35, when He said “**. . . ‘I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.’**”

True satisfaction is only found in Him, and so, come, taste and see that the Lord, He is good!

As I begin to wrap things up this evening, let me share these words with you. Ray Stedman wrote,

That is where this passage leaves us and I want to leave it at that point.

I have been writing a commentary on the book of Hebrews and I have been struck by a question that the writer asks in the second chapter which is really the theme of Hebrews He asks, “How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?” (Hebrews 2:3 KJV).

How can you escape if you neglect the offer of the grace of God? God does not want to judge men. He does not like judgment. . . . But that is all that is left for those who reject the way of escape which the grace and mercy of God supplies.

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I know we have been dealing with a lot of heavy material, but we are going to come to a break as we get to Revelation chapters 10 and 11. John is going to fill in some more details before we get to the seventh trumpet judgment at the end of Revelation chapter 11.

A little breather you might say!

And I will leave you with this. I promise. In Jeremiah 29:11 we are told, “**For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.**”

May we not forget that!

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