**Sermon Notes June 12, 2022**

**Series**: Revelation

**Sermon**: The Seventh Seal

**Scripture**: Revelation 8:1-13, Ezekiel 33:11, Romans 8:26, John 3:16, 2 Peter 3:9-10

**Summary**: God reveals His mercy during the first four trumpets. He warns and prepares the world with partial judgments that effect one-third of the world. Our loving Father gives us every opportunity to turn from our rebellion and come into His sheltering arms.

**Read**: Read Revelation 8

Believe it or not the first four trumpets reveal the mercy of God. He warns. He prepares. These are partial judgments striking only one-third of the world. They are meant to warn and lead a rebellious world to repentance before the final scene plays out.

1. **Silence**
	1. Revelation 8:1-2
		1. 30 minutes of silence.
		2. Scripture does not reveal the reason for this duration of time.
	2. Ezekiel 33:11
		1. Is God pausing here to emphasize the sorrow to come?
2. **Golden Censer**
	1. Revelation 8:3-4
		1. Symbolizes prayer.
		2. God covets our prayer.
		3. Nothing happens until the saints prayed.
	2. Revelation 8:5
		1. Holy fire thrown down on the earth
	3. Romans 8:26
		1. The Holy Spirit helps us to pray.
		2. God understands what we really mean.
3. **The Trumpets**
	1. The First Trumpet Blast
		1. Revelation 8:7
			1. A plague on all vegetation.
			2. Less oxygen and food.
			3. Hail and blood.
	2. The Second Trumpet Blast
		1. Revelation 8:8-9
			1. Something “like” a huge mountain.
			2. One-third of all living creatures in the sea die.
			3. One-third of all the ships are destroyed.
	3. The Third Trumpet Blast
		1. Revelation 8:10-11
			1. The “star” Wormwood falls from the sky.
				1. Wormwood is an extremely bitter plant.
			2. One-third of the worlds potable water is contaminated.
	4. The Fourth Trumpet Blast
		1. Revelation 8:12
			1. The Earth receives one-third less light.
				1. Dark and dreary.
				2. Global cooling? Less solar energy means the world will cool.
4. **Even though all of this is horrible and destructive, the worst is yet to come.**
	1. Revelation 8:13

**Application / Next Steps**

God has revealed His heart for the world.

**John 3:16 (ESV),**

**“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.**

**2 Peter 3:9-10 (ESV),**

**The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.**

Our loving Father gives us every opportunity to turn from our sin. The day of the Lord WILL come. The heavens WILL disappear. The earth and everything in it WILL be laid bare.

If you are a child of God, you’re under His protection… but if you’re rebellious you have much to fear.

The path to salvation is simple and starts with belief.