**Revelation 8-10: Judgments of the First Half**

**MAIN: Judgment is avoided by repentance**

 **I. The prayers of the saints and the coming storm – 8:1-5;**

* **Zeph. 1:7, 15, 17; Hab. 2:19-20**
* **We often think our prayers go unanswered.**
* **Often, “wait” or “I have a better idea” is the response (Dan. 10)**
* **We simply don’t have the capacity to judge (Job).**

 **II. The Six Trumpet Judgments: Revelation 8:6-9:18**

 **#1 - Vegetation Struck**

 **#2 - Seas Struck**

 **#3 - Waters Struck**

 **#4 – Heavens Struck**

 **#5 – Locusts from Bottomless Pit**

 **#6 – Angels from the Euphrates**

**Conclusion: ½ of humanity and 1/3 of the ecosystem destroyed**

**III. An unrepentant earth: Rev. 9:19-20**

 **A. Repentance Study: Luke 13:1-5**

 **1. Tragedy is indiscriminate; it is not selective 13:2 and 4**

* **Those who died in tragedy were not worse than you because they died**
* **Illustrations like floods, earthquakes, etc.**

 **2. Tragedy is a picture of coming judgment 13:3, 5**

* **13:5 Judgment will happen to all unless they repent**
* **Not saying those tragedies were judgments**
* **All judgments here are temporal, like a warning**

 **3. Judgment can be averted only through repentance 13:3, 5**

**B. Repentance Study: Perspectives for change**

* **The inner man and our physical body both contribute to our conscience life**
* **Everything we do involves participation from both our body and inner self**
* **We have to find the Biblical path to overcoming the influence the body give from our sinful self**
* **We need to allow the Holy Spirit to bring the input of our inner man to reality by His power and work withing us.**
* **One key goal is to acquire the “Spirit’s way of thinking,” His perspective on our life and situations**
* **When our inner self is transformed, our behavior is transformed.**
* **Doesn’t work to just say, “I’m not going to do this or that.”**
* **Nobody commits sin they truly hate. We sin because we are “getting something out of it,” some satisfaction, or we wouldn’t do it.**
* **This is true of all sin and the overt acts that go with those attitudes**
* **We must be truly changed from the inside**
* **It is helpful to ask God why we enjoy or get satisfaction from our behavior.**
* **We tend to think our way is “better” or at least preferrable. It is not.**
* **Illustration: The Christian life = wrongly programmed computer**

**Some people don’t have issues with their temper. Let’s say a person has issues getting sinfully angry. For them, change has to occur on the inside or it’s not going to change their behavior on the outside.**

**After God saved us, through the Scriptures and the enablement of the HS, He teaches us how to “reprogram” the inner life and, as a result of the reprogramming, it impacts our outer life. The body is what frustrates Paul in Romans 7:14-25. He hadn’t yet developed the spiritual capacity to draw upon the Spirit and have an effective Christian life.**

**For example, we might know how to use the word processor before we understand the email section of the computer. As Christians, we have been plopped down inside an unsolvable problem: a wrongly programmed body. Growth is a process by which the Spirit enables us to reprogram our lives.**

 **IV. The Mighty Roar, the Seven Thunders, and the Little Book: Rev. 10**

* **1. The lion’s roar and thunder seem to be designed to say, “A storm is coming.” They are certainly ominous.**
* **2. The coming judgments in the second half are both sweet and bitter. Sweet because God is squaring accounts; bitter in that they are world-altering with much sadness.**