

Sunday, March 19, 2023 - "Revelation - Week 10 - The Danger of a Hardened Heart" - Bryce Gray

Key Passages: Revelation 8:1-2,6-13, Revelation 9:1-6, 12-21, Isaiah 61:2, Matthew 24:29-31, Psalm 95:7, Ezekiel 18:21-23

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- Isaiah 61:2
 - Day of vengeance is in the FUTURE
 - We're still in the day of hope, jubilee, God still moving
- Genesis 6:5-8, 2 Peter 3:9
 - His patience and favor
 - The eternal destinies of people can still be impacted today
- Trumpets overview
 - 1st = hail/fire: 1/3 of the earth, 1/3 tress and all grass burned
 - 2nd = burning mountain: 1/3 of the sea turned to blood, 1/3 marine animals die, 1/3 ships destroyed
 - 3rd = blazing star: 1/3 rivers, water blood and bitter, many people die
 - 4th = 1/3 sun, moon and stars darkened
 - Eagle cries = "woe, woe, woe, look out below!"
 - 5th = Smoke from pit, locusts torment for 5 months, "I wish I could die!"
 - 6th = 4 angels + 200M troops: 1/3 mankind killed
- Angels' jobs (active, created beings, have specific assignments)
 - Ministering to Jesus (Matt 4:11), Guarding us (Luke 4:10), In heaven on behalf of children (Matt 18:10)
 - Ministering servants sent to serve us (Hebrews 1:14), Jesus appeals to God for six legions (Matt 26:53)
 - Angels' interactions with satan and demons (2 Peter 2:11 & Jude 9)
- Angels are subject to judgement (Jude 6)
- Esther 4:14 - For such a time as this
- What's your assignment?
 - 1 Corinthians 12:7, 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12, Ephesians 4:28
 - Wait patiently until your number is called (the four angels waited to do what they were made to do)
- The response to the trumpets and the woes
 - Revelation 9:20-21
 - No one repented
- The danger of a hardened heart
 - Psalm 95:7, Hebrews 3:7,15, Hebrews 4:7
 - God can stop whispering when our hearts are hard
 - Romans 1
 - Holding onto bitterness can harden our hearts
- Ezekiel 18:21-23 - Until judgement day, there is still a chance for heart change
- Will we be ready when he calls?
- If you hear his voice, don't harden your heart

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. What does it mean to you that we are still in the time of God's patience and favor?
2. How is God calling you to affect the eternal destinies of those around you?
3. What, if anything, has shaped your understanding of angels and their purpose?
4. What are some of your "assignments" that God has given you?
5. What does it look like for you to be ready for God's call and mission?
6. How do you actively prevent your heart from becoming hard towards God and others?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this message or passage?

Songs from the weekend:

[God So Loved - *We the Kingdom*] - [In Jesus' Name - *Israel Houghton*] - [Revelation Song - *Kari Jobe*] - [All Creatures of Our God and King - *David Crowder Band*]