



Park Community Church

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# BOOKENDS

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Trumpets of Warning  
Revelation 8:1-9:21

# Summary

This sermon from Revelation 8-9 addresses the challenging topic of God's judgment through the seven trumpets. These chapters contain difficult content about divine wrath and apocalyptic imagery, but emphasize three key points: the severity of God's judgment (including devastating plagues and torment), the rightness of this judgment (as a response to humanity's persistent rebellion against God), and the rescue available through Jesus Christ. While God's judgment is severe and just, He protects those who have been sealed by faith in Christ. There is a call for those not yet in relationship with God to turn to Jesus for salvation and rescue from coming judgment.

## Questions

1. What was your initial reaction when hearing these chapters from Revelation read aloud? What emotions or thoughts came to mind?
2. Why do you think God chose to reveal these intense scenes of judgment to John and to us? What purpose might they serve?
3. How do we reconcile the concept of a loving God with the severe judgments described in these chapters?
4. The sermon mentioned that our objection to God's judgment might say more about us than about Him. What do you think this means?
5. How does the image of being 'sealed' by God (Revelation 9:4) provide comfort in the midst of these descriptions of judgment?
6. What does it mean that God's people are protected even during times of great tribulation and judgment?
7. How should understanding God's justice and judgment affect the way we live our daily lives?
8. What would you say to someone who struggles with the idea of God's wrath and judgment?

# Application

This week, spend time reflecting on God's mercy in your life. Consider one area where you've been resistant to God's authority and take a step toward surrendering that area to Him. Also, pray for someone in your life who doesn't know Jesus, asking God to open their heart to His love and salvation.

## Key Takeaways

1. God's judgment is both severe and perfectly just - He will right all wrongs and destroy evil forever
2. Humanity's persistent rebellion against God, despite countless opportunities to repent, makes judgment necessary
3. God protects and preserves His people even in the midst of judgment - those sealed by faith in Christ are safe
4. The most amazing truth is that God has provided rescue through Jesus Christ for all who will turn to Him
5. Today is the day of salvation - we should not delay in turning to Christ for forgiveness and eternal life