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**God Is Sounding The Alarm**

Revelation 8:1-13

**Key Truth:** Because God is Holy, He must judge sinners. However, in His mercy and grace He would rather save humanity than condemn us.

**John’s Vision of The Trumpets:** Joshua 2:8-19, Joshua 6:1-5, Joshua 6:22-25, Joel 2:1-2, Ezekiel 33:1-6

1. The Trumpets symbolizes God’s warning and judgment

 upon sin in the world.

2. The plagues are God bringing judgment upon sinners and

 beckoning them to repent. Exodus 7:20-24

3. The First Four Trumpetsis God warning unbelievers not

 to put faith in what was created but to surrender to the

 Creator.

4**.** Trumpets 5-6 is God’s judgment on unbelievers for

 committing idolatry and for practicing sexual

 immorality. Revelation 9:1-21

 A. Unbelievers are under the spiritual deception of the

 Devil.

 B. Worshiping the Devil and practicing sexual

 immorality leads to death and destruction.

**What Is Our Response To The Alarms:**

1. Unbelievers; run from danger and to shelter. = Repent

 and trust Jesus Christ.

2. Believers; pray, warn, and rescue others from danger. =

 Proclaim the gospel to others.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank God for His seal of protection from impending judgment. Ask Him to strengthen you to fearlessly proclaim His gospel to the nations that they might avoid His coming wrath.

**Food For Thought:**

If you were to characterize these first four trumpets in one statement, what would that statement be?

What thoughts or feelings do these images stir up in you?

What would you say is the takeaway for believers regarding this news of physical judgment and darkness upon the earth?

Revelation 8:6-13 describes plagues of natural disaster that will be unleashed as God’s judgment on sin. How do these

sit with you? As you picture the imagery of God’s judgment, how does it shape your view of God and sin?

Is there anything you notice about God’s mercy amidst His judgment in these chapters?

Read Matthew 6:9-13. How does the idea of praying for God’s will to be done “on earth as it is in heaven” impact you

in light of these two chapters of Revelation?

Read Revelation 9:1-21: How are the fifth and sixth trumpets different from the first four?

Who will be affected by these trumpets (9:4,15,20)?

How can you pray for those who don’t know Jesus Christ?