

**Disaster Is in His Hands**  
**Revelation 8:1-13, Pew Bible p. 1032**  
**January 19, 2025**

**I. The Prayers of the Saints (V. 1-5)**

- A. God hears the prayers of His people.
  - 1. They are sacred to Him.
  - 2. They are used by Him.
  
- B. God responds to the prayers of His people.
  - 1. Not always in our way.
  - 2. Not always in our time.

**II. The Response of God (V. 6-13)**

- A. God can take away anything He has given.
  
- B. What people gain from rejecting God does not compare to what they will lose.

## **Group Discussion Questions**

1. Read Revelation 8:1-13.
2. Who opens the seventh seal, according to verse 1? What does that tell you about Jesus' role in the end times?
3. What kind of prayers from Christians can only be answered on judgment day (use Revelation 6:10 for help)? If some of our prayers cannot be answered right away, why should we pray them today?
4. What does the angel lighting on fire the prayers of the saints and throwing them to the earth (V. 3-5) say about the role of prayer in the coming judgment?
5. How is the earth itself affected by people's disobedience to God, according to verses 6-13? What kind of warning do you think that should give us today?
6. Have you ever risked losing something you always thought you would have because of your disobedience to God? Why? How has that shaped your relationship with God?
7. Pray for our church to offer pleasing prayers to the Lord and not grow weary in asking. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Worship Center lobby.

***John 4:21-24 (ESV)***

*<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”*

**Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting:**

- PRAYING for our new outreach team to be formed and trained in a timely manner.

**Pray for Our Church Family Needs:**

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:  
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia; Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West, Glendale, Arizona.
- PRAY for all our students: elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- PRAY for family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus:  
Sharon L. (children & grandchildren); Marge D. (son, Matthew); Rezwana D. (parents); Margaret J. (Tom & Bob); Gary & Betty B. (grandchildren & siblings); Sophia W. (husband); Charity M. (daughter); Kayla P. (nephew, Jordan); Michelle LaM. (son); and Debbie B. (son-in-law); Naima (“everyone to be a Christian so that it’s not as bad I imagined from the sermon in Revelation 7”)
- PRAY for families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:  
Del M. (wife), Bonnie V. (husband), Mel A. (wife), Kasuma A. (grandnephew), Gary C. (wife), Darlene R. (Husband), Jerry (lost loved one)
- PRAY for those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:  
Mimi M. (health), Jared (on ventilator), Marilyn (surgery recovery), Alicia (health), Charity M. (the fires in CA)
- PRAY for others that you are aware of.