

First the Silence, Then the Storm Discussion Questions

Revelation 8

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1. What do you think it will be like in Heaven after all the loud noises John describes for it to be completely silent?
2. How does it make you feel to know that your prayers make a sweet smell before the Lord? How much of a sweet scent are you producing with your prayers? Do you pray often or do you hardly ever pray? Why?
3. How do you feel about your prayers being collected, offered, and remembered by God?
4. Do you pray for God to remove wickedness or for God's justice? Why or why not?
5. How does our prayer move God to action? How do they bring about God's will on earth?
6. How is prayer a weapon?
7. Where have you visualized Heaven being? What do you think about Heaven being closer than we usually think?
8. What thoughts do you have about the seven trumpet judgements? Do you think this is justice? Why or why not? Is justice pretty or ugly why?
9. Do you think these judgments also show God's mercy? Why or why not? Why didn't God go away and destroy the whole earth?
10. How devastating will these judgments be? What effects will there be from a third of the earth and trees being burned up and all the grass? How will that affect animals and our food supply?
11. What problems will occur from a third of the sea being turned to blood and a third of the sea creatures being killed, and a third of the ships?
12. How will a third of our freshwater supply being polluted compound the problem even more? How do you think this will cause people to act just to get food and water?
13. What kind of impact will losing a third of our light both day and night have on our environment? How does darkness affect people? How will this affect nations?
14. How will this set things up for the Antichrist?
15. How are God's judgements redemptive? Why is God waiting to pour out His judgment on earth?
16. How does knowing Christ as our Savior help us to remain calm and not to fear what is to come?
17. Have you given your life to Christ? Why or why not? If not, what questions do you have? What is preventing you from believing?