

SILENCE THAT GIVES US HOPE

REVELATION 8

November 30, 2025 – 9:30 & 11:00

1) Heaven goes SILENT !

Why?

a.) Wrath is about to be poured out on the EARTH.
Habakkuk 2:20; Zephaniah 1:7; Zechariah 2:13

b.) God is giving earth a CHANCE to REPENT.
Genesis 6; Jonah; Rev. 2:21

c.) Heaven LISTENS to the PRAYERS of the SAINTS.
Revelation 8:3-4; Acts 4:31; Daniel 10:12; 2 Chronicles 7:14

2) The Danger of Undervaluing our Prayers.

(What great things we miss by missing out on these truths about prayer.)

a.) The great hope for the church is that GOD REMEMBERS US!
Exodus 2:23-25; Luke 1:13

b.) God Responds (eventually) to the prayers of His People !

c.) We see in action how IMPORTANT our prayers are!

- Our prayers MOVE HEAVEN.
- Our prayers SHAPE HISTORY.
- Our prayers bring JUSTICE.
- Our prayers ALIGN us with the Will and Word of God.
1 John 5:14-15; Matthew 6:10

3.) God answers our prayers by SHAKING the WORLD !

4.) The church is SAFE and SECURE !
Psalm 91:14-15; Revelation 7:3

5.) God still offers GRACE ! His desire is that no one be lost!

2 Peter 3:8-10; 1 Timothy 2:3-4; Ezekiel 18:23,32; John 1:29, 3:16-17; 1 John 2:2, 4:14; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; Hebrews 2:9; Romans 10:12-13; Titus 2:11; Isaiah 45:22; Matthew 11:28; Revelation 22:17

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Why do the words we read in Revelation 8 really matter to the 7 churches?

- **How does prayer help these churches deal with their struggles in life?**

Persecution – Smyrna, Philadelphia

Compromise – Pergamum, Thyatira

Coldness of Heart, Self-Righteousness – Ephesus

Complacency, Self – Sufficiency – Sardis, Laodicea

Chapter 8 is a call to return to prayer, a call to begin to pray. Possible ways Chapter 8 could really help these 7 churches.

Smyrna- Philadelphia - Prayer takes us through Persecution, it helps us to see that God is aware and listening to our prayers, and when the time is right, He will respond. Prayer gives us patience.

Pergamum – Thyatira - Prayer helps us to realize that if we stand firm, hold on to the truth, it will keep us safe from compromise with the world. Purity is important.

Ephesus - Prayer help us to understand the very heart of God. The heart of God is to love the world so much that He gave His Son to die for the sins of the world, Prayer gives us perspective and truth about what is important.

Sardis, Laodicea - Prayer helps us to realize it is all about God, God's love, grace, mercy, power in our lives. It is all about obeying God, doing His will, finishing the race He has called us to run. Prayer helps us to see we must have God; we can't do it on our own.

What does Revelation 8 do for TFBC today? What does it mean for each one of us as individuals?

Revelation 8 is not about destruction, it is about the power of prayer, the need of prayer, the justice of God, and the hope for all of us who are faithful.

Several Times in the Bible we read of Jesus praying, and He also gave His followers a sample prayer.

Read John 17 and Matthew 26:36-46 – Think about How Jesus prayed just before His arrest. What can we learn from the prayers of Jesus in these passages?

Read Matthew 6:5-18 – This is Jesus teaching his followers how to pray.

What are some keys to praying? How do you see Revelation 8 connecting with these prayers? **HINT: IT HAS TO DO WITH OUR FATHER'S WILL!!!**