

Book of Revelation – The Seven Trumpets, 1st Woe II (The Fifth Trumpet--Rev 9:7-12)

Series REV-16

True Humility is to be Teachable

“...Jesus laid bare the first principles of truth, and showed Nicodemus that his first need was **humility of heart**, a teachable spirit **a new heart**. (CSW 65.1) In choosing men and women for His service, God does not ask whether they possess learning or eloquence or worldly wealth. He asks: “**Do they walk in such humility that I can teach them My way?** Can I put My words into their lips?” (7T 144.2)

I decided to start with a few SOP statements, since we need constantly to feast the mind on the “**testimony of Jesus**.” This next section comes closer to home still:

The apostle Paul stated that we are to

“Exam ourselves whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in your, except ye be reprobates.” - 2 Corinthians 13:5

Heart-Searching Humility

“After Christ’s ascension, the disciples were gathered together in one place to make humble supplication to God. And after ten days of **heart searching** and **self-examination**, the way was prepared for the Holy Spirit to enter the cleansed, consecrated soul temples.” (RH 6-10-1902, Art A, par.12)

“Strive to walk wisely in a perfect way. Begin and end each day with **earnest prayer** and **close self-examination**. Compare your life and character with the law of God, mark where its precepts condemn you... (ST 10-4-1883, par. 18) There is need of a daily self-examination... It is **essential that we feel our need, our shortcomings, our failures and trust fully in Christ**. Then we shall be able **to show forth the praises of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.**” (PH089 20.2)

Are we feeling our need, our shortcomings and failures learning to trust fully in Christ? We each need to walk wisely and prayerfully examine ourselves as the passage above states. Note these last two statements:

“Have special meetings when you can,—**meetings of humiliation**, of **afflicting the soul**,—meetings where **the rubbish** shall be cleared away from the door of the **heart**, that the blessed Saviour may enter.” (RH 12/16,1884, par.14)

Oh, how precious was this promise, as it was shown to me in vision! “I will come into him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.” Oh, the **love, the wondrous love of God!** After all our lukewarmness and sins He says: “**Return unto Me**, and **I will return unto thee**, and **I will heal** all thy backslidings.” -1T 143.3

THE FIRST WOE (Rev 9:7-12) – Part II

⁷And the shapes of the locusts like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads as it were crowns like gold, and their faces as the faces of men. ⁸And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. ⁹And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. ¹⁰And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months. ¹¹And they had a king over them, the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon. ¹²One woe is past; behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

Vs.7 – After the fifth angel sounded,

Result: The shapes of the locusts like unto horses prepared unto battle _____

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and on their heads as it were crowns like gold: _____

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and their faces as the faces of men: _____

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Vs.8 – And they had hair as the hair of women _____

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and their teeth were as the teeth of lions: _____

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Vs.9 – And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron: _____

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Result: and the sound of their wings as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle: _____

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Vs.10 – And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: _____

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Result: and their power was to hurt men five months: _____

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Vs.11 – And they had a king over them, the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon: _____

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but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon. _____

Before we close out this lesson, note these three verses: vs. 3, 5, & 10.

³And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

⁵And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.

¹⁰And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

Questions

- 1) What words in common do these three verses have? _____
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- 2) Is there a progression taking place in these verses? _____
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- 3) What meaning can you put to these words you've listed in Q1? _____
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We will discuss our findings in our study Monday. We can thank the Lord for the principles of investigation we've learned about in past studies. We must keep seeking wisdom from God as He reveals greater truths to us. How gracious He is to us. Thank you, Lord.

Next week: 2nd Woe (6th Trumpet)