

'God's Roadblocks to Hell – Part I'

Intro: We have been looking at God revealing a scene that is taking place right now in heaven and has been from the very day that men and women were martyred for their faith in God and His Word. In this study we answered the questions many may have about "Why would a loving God allow so much suffering?" So many people view Revelation Chapter six as revealing of how mean God can be; the average person doesn't understand why God allows suffering, or other such things as earthquakes, killer storms of a colossal size in which many, many, people die or lose all that they have.

What needs to be understood is that desperate times call for desperate measure! The folks in our text for this lesson, **Revelation 6:9 – 13**, are not only those of the Tribulation period, but from the past and as well today, are at war with God. The day will come when they will line up on the battlefield called Armageddon, and there they will fight against the return of Christ known as the "Second Coming."

But know this, God loves everyone and desires that everyone would come to a saving faith in the person and the work of the Lord Jesus Christ upon Calvary Mountain. **II Peter 3:9**. If we miss this truth, then we miss what God is attempting to do in the Tribulation! There are many roadblocks and detours in the Tribulation with the intent to keep as many as possible from going to hell. Rather than seeing God as being mean due to these divine judgments, we need to see Him as a very loving God and so for this study, we will be looking at three points that will help us to understand what is going on in these events throughout history and here in Chapter 6.

To Get people saved:

I. God is willing to send the world's greatest _____ – Revelation 6:12

- A. The word 'great' in this text is from the Greek word "megas" from which we get our word, "_____".
1. This earthquake is going to be unlike any earthquake this world has ever experienced.
 2. It will have an impact upon the _____ world.
 3. We see in this verse that the impact even affects one's ability to see the sun and the moon.
- B. We have several incidences in the Scriptures where God has used earthquakes to get His people's attention or to make a very stern point.

#1. I Kings 19:11 – 12; Here God is getting _____ attention. Elijah has experienced a powerful act of God demonstrating that He is indeed, GOD!

- a. God is doing the same in Revelation 6:12 with Tribulation dwellers.
- b. This earthquake is such a devastating quake that everyone is trying to find a _____ place.
- c. The point stated, they quickly _____ that this is of God. **(Verses 15 & 16)**

- d. Another thought about Christians if they are going through the Tribulation as some believe; “Why would they be trying to _____ from God?”
- e. God doesn’t have to send an earthquake to get someone’s _____ if they are seeking and hungry, looking for and seeking God. There is no need to turn the world upside down!
- f. When people are _____ God, He can be found in the “still, small voice”.
- g. It is when the people are full of the _____ that God sees the need for drastic measures due to their hardheartedness in order to get their attention.

#2. **Matthew 27:50 – 54**; God uses earth quakes to _____ people about His Son, Jesus Christ.

- a. God has given prophecies after prophecies and prophets after prophet concerning the _____ of His Son Jesus Christ.
- b. For centuries man ignored, scoffed, ridiculed and killed the prophets, ignoring God’s message and messengers. **II Peter 3:1 – 4.**
- c. Time is of the utmost _____ in Revelation chapter six, time is running out and for a world full of people headed to hell, time is running out for them to be able to come to a saving faith in Christ.
- d. In our source text for this point, God sent an earthquake to get the people’s attention as we notice in **Matthew 27:50 – 54.**
- e. God will use things that to us seem _____, even v _____, God loves them so much that He will use whatever He has to in order to get their attention.

#3. **Matthew 28:1 – 6.** God again is trying to wake people up in order to get their attention and to reveal how much they _____ Him, especially those individuals in the Tribulation period. Time is of the most essence.

- a. Folks, here in Matthew 28:1 – 6, everything has _____! Christ has completed His mission.
- b. For the Tribulation dwellers, everything has _____ for them and this world.
 - (1). The church has been _____ out of this world.
 - (2). The _____ of God’s people has disappeared.
 - (3). The Holy spirit has been _____ from hindering the Devil.
 - (4). The anti-Christ is on the _____ seeking to destroy as many people as he can.
- c. Rather than giving them what they deserve, God is trying to wake them up, their days are numbered, His love is infinite, but they have to have a change of heart.

To Get People Saved:

II. God is willing to send this world its greatest disasters. – Revelation 13 & 14.

- A. I want to save this point and perhaps point number three for January 2nd because it deals with a subject that is going to need a little more time to deal with. But it is important to do it well.