

## Bible study for the week starting May 11, 2025

### SHARE

Has God used a difficulty to bring you to repentance? Have you walked through difficulty and it has lead you to rejection? When have you most seen the presence of God? Was it when you were in darkness or when it was “bright” outside?

### READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

Read [Revelation 9:13-19](#)?

- a. What happened at the horns of the altar?
- b. How is judgment...now AND not yet? Ongoing and not completed?
- c. We are still awaiting the “Day of the Lord.” Look at these references to the Day and see how it is described. (1 Peter 3, Amos 5, Joel 2, Isaiah 13, Zephaniah 1)

Read [Revelation 9:20-21](#)

- a. What were the things that remained unchanged? Head, heart, hands. What does repentance look like you?

Whole of the Christian life is one of repentance. How is this true for you?

- b. Why is repentance more than a “one time” event?

Read [Matthew 23:1-39](#)?

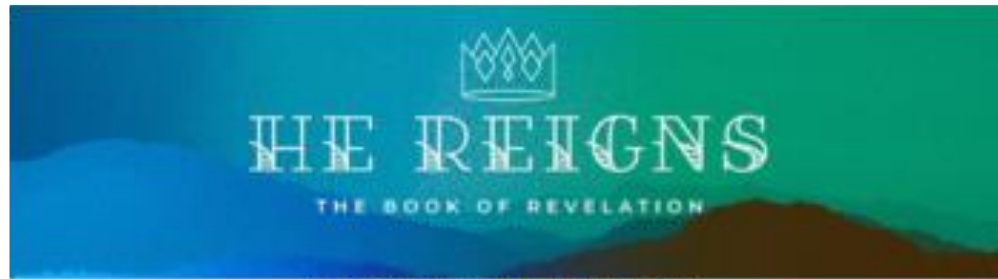
- c. What is Jesus calling out? What is his desire for the people that are tasked with pointing to God? Why does Jesus give the pharisees 7 woes?

Read [Psalm 139:1-16](#)

- a. What is the most comforting line in this Psalm?
- b. “Even the darkness is as light to you.” How does this promise live in your soul?

### PRAY

Pray for the presence of our God in the darkness. Pray for a heart that is soft and turns toward the Lord in the midst of trouble...Pray that our world would know the power and presence of Jesus in the midst of tribulation.



## EVEN THE DARKNESS

Revelation 9:13-21

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“Let me take **REFUGE** under the shelter of your wings” (Ps. 61:4).

Even with Jesus...life is not always **UP** and to the **RIGHT**.

“The **HOUR**, the day, the month, and the year...” (9:15)

The **DAY** of the LORD...

... will come like a **THIEF**. (2 Pet. 3:10)

... is a day of **WRATH** and darkness. (Amos 5:18)

... is **NEAR** (Zeph. 1:14)

The rest did not **REPENT** ...their hands, their heads, and their **HEARTS** remained unchanged.

“Repentance is not merely the **START** of the Christian life; it is the Christian life.” - John Calvin

Jesus declares **WOE** to any hypocrisy in our **ACTIONS**, our **THOUGHTS** , or our **AFFECTIONS**.

“How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood **UNDER** her wings.” (Matt. 23:37)

“Even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as **LIGHT** with you” (Ps. 139:12).

For Next week Please Read Revelation 10:1-11