

They Did Not Repent

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Revelation 15:1, 5-8 – 16:11

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



Bowls of Wrath = God's full and complete judgment of the wicked (Leviticus 26:21, 24, 28, Psalm 79:12)

Trumpets (Warnings)	Bowls (Wrath)
T-1 Earth impacted	B-1 Earth impacted
T-2 Sea impacted	B-2 Sea impacted
T-3 Rivers and fountains impacted	B-3 Rivers and fountains impacted
T-4 Luminaries impacted	B-4 Luminaries impacted
T-5 Darkening and torment	B-5 Darkening and anguish
T-6 Angel-led army (Euphrates symbol)	B-6 Massive battle (Euphrates symbol)
T-7 Coming King announced (lightning, etc.)	B-7 "It is done" (Lightning, etc.)

Temple = Presence of God

Smoke = God's power, glory, and righteous anger at sin

First Bowl - Punishment upon the bodies of men

Second and Third Bowls - Punishment upon the economics of men

Fourth Bowl & Fifth Bowls - Punishment upon the false gods of men

The wrath of God is what the wicked deserve

Repentance - A saving grace by which a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, does, with grief and hatred of sin, turn from it toward God, with full purpose of and endeavor after new obedience. WSC

“Men ought not to content themselves with a general repentance but it is every man’s duty to endeavor to repent of his particular sins particularly.” WCF

Obstacles to our repentance...

- Too consumed with calling out the sin of others
- Love for our sin
- Neglecting the means of grace (Word, Prayer, Sacrament, Worship, Christian community)
- Seared consciences
- Fear of being taken advantage of
- Comfort in the shadows

Faith and Repentance are a package gift from God

Corporate Confession of Sin Adapted from the Valley of Vision

O God of grace, in my Christian walk I am still in rags. My best prayers are stained with sin. My penitent tears contain so much impurity. My confessions of wrong and are in themselves flawed with sin. I need to repent of my repentance.

I have no robe to bring to cover my sins. I am always going into the far country and always returning home as a prodigal, always saying, Father, forgive me, and You always bring forth the best robe. Every

morning let me wear it and every evening return in it.

Grant me never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, and the exceeding wonder of grace.