



Message Reflections

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"The devil is just as much God's servant in his rebellion as he was God's servant in the days of his sweet obedience. Even today, he cannot act without God's express permission; he can neither tempt, coerce, demonize, nor make so much as a single plan without the consent and approval of God." - Pastor Erwin Lutzer

When you look at the world around you, it often looks bleak. Many times, it seems that Satan is winning. Do not be discouraged. Remember God is allowing these things to happen according to His sovereign will. He has greater purposes that we can't see and will bring everything to its perfect conclusion.

Read Revelation 9.

- How does a true understanding of God's sovereignty help you when you face hardship, adversity, or suffering?
- Sometimes it can be unsettling to reflect on the justice of God against unbelievers. What are some specific ways you can worship and thank God for this aspect of His character?

"The rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk. Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts."

Revelation 9:20-21

- It is easy to look at their choice and think how foolish it is. But what about you? Do you choose sin instead of God? Do you willfully continue in behavior you know God hates? What sin is keeping you from a close fellowship with God?

Prayer: Give thanks to God for His sovereignty, power, and justice. Spend a few minutes praying specifically for anyone you know that has not yet placed their faith and trust in Christ.