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Message Topic: **Pain and Death**

Scripture Text: Rev 9: 1-21

1. The last 3 trumpet judgments are direct afflictions to men which begins with pain and ends with death. God uses pain, whether physical or emotional, to bring us back to Himself.
2. All these judgments are punishments by God because of the sins of men. God does not delight in the punishments. He uses all circumstances so that we may repent and turn to Him.
3. The 5<sup>th</sup> angel's judgment was to open the bottomless pit and cause the sun to be darkened. God is in control of all natural forces and He gives the key of the bottomless pit to the angel.
4. In the 5<sup>th</sup> judgment, locusts also come out of the earth to stink those men who have not the seal of God. These men will suffer excruciating pain and wishing themselves to die. The locust has a king over them which is called Apollyon which means Destruction.
5. The 6<sup>th</sup> angel's judgment was to loose 4 angels bound in river Euphrates who will then kill 1/3 of men. God is teaching men that life and death is in His Hands. He wants to humble men and to tell those remaining alive to turn to Him in repentance,
6. In verse 20, the Bible tells us that these men who are alive refuse to repent and continue to worship their idols. Their hearts are hardened and will blame all things for the disasters but not their own sins.