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Topic: Studies in Revelation - Desire to Die?

Text: Revelation 9:1-12

1. Man would not choose to die unless he is facing an extremely heavy burden or the pain he faces is too great to bear. But that is what will happen in Revelation 9 after the fifth angel sounds the trumpet. Man will want to die as a form of relief, but yet he will not be able to die.
2. The "star" referred to in verse 1 is given the key of the bottomless pit, so that the tormentors and demons in it may be released. One of the things that will be released is the locusts. These locusts are not to destroy the vegetation but they are allowed by God to harm men. Their appearances are like horses, hair like women, teeth like lion, breastplate like iron, wings like chariots and tails like scorpions. The pain and hurt that the locust inflicts is so extreme and torturous, for five long months, yet no one will be allowed to die from it.
3. God wants to teach men that they are not the master of their lives. They cannot prolong or shorten their lives if the Lord does not permit.

***If God gives us life and breath now on Earth,  
we ought to serve Him with our all and make every moment count for Him.***