

CMPC Sermon Notes

Series: *Revelation: Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow*

Text: *Revelation 8.1-5*

Message: *Sounds in the Silence*

- The story so far

The Seventh Seal Opened brings silence

- Silence
- The noise of heaven
- The Impact of Silence o Habakkuk 2.20; Zephaniah 1.7; Zechariah 2.13
 - o Silence at Jericho
- Our noisy world today
- Silence is not inactivity
- The last seal highlights the prayers of the people of God in the unfolding of history

The Seven Trumpets introduced in the silence

- Trumpets in the Old Testament o War
 - o Movement
 - o New Year's Day
- Trumpets in the New Testament- second coming, I Thessalonians 4.16
- Tension heightened

Incense and prayer

- Another angel- no trumpet but a censer
- The pleasing aroma of prayer
- Incense, Leviticus 16.11-19, especially 12-13
- The Son's mediation (Hebrews 10.21) and the Spirit's help (cf. Romans 8.26-27)
 - o The perfecting of our prayers
- Revelation 5.8
- The content of pleasing prayer
- The martyrs' prayer, Rev. 6.9-11
- Psalm 141
 - o A comment on prayer
 - o Personal holiness
 - o The enemies of God

The impact of prayer in the silence

- The world's view of prayer
- Exodus 19 in view
- George Herbert: reverse thunder
- Jesus' challenge
- The Lord's Prayer
- Luke 18.1ff
- James' encouragement, James .16
- Paul's encouragement
- Psalms
- God will use every prayer of His saints to vindicate His glory on earth.

So What About Us?

- Prayer's role in history
- A rebuke/chastisement
- We get frustrated/we forget
- We impact the universe from our knees