Day 9 - The Mark of the Beast and Prayer

"After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God! For true and righteous are His judgements, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her.' Again they said, 'Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!' And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, 'Amen! Alleluia!' Then a voice came from the throne, saying, 'Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!'" – Revelation 19:1–5

The Three Angels' Call to Prayer
What is the Third Angel's Message?

- Revelation 14:9, 10 writes: "Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, 'If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wire of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb'"

- This is a message of solemn warning.
- This is warning that comes from a loving God who wants us not be caught off guard with the deception of Satan that is coming.
- This message warns us not to worship the beast for it will lead us to live self-centered lives and be disobedient to God's commands.
- In the end time, the church and state will unite under the authority of the papacy to enforce worship on the first day of the week.
- We are to commit our loyalty to Jesus, and through His power we will not succumb to the principle of the beast which is pride, self-exaltation, and trust in human wisdom rather than in God's Word.
Prayer Suggestions

"Praying God's Word" - use Revelation 14:9,10 as a starter to your prayer
"If Anyone Worships the Beast and His Image" - Thank God for warning those who look to false religions, modern-day idols as their source of strength and fulfillment. Ask God to help us lead others to Jesus the only Savior worthy of worship.
"The Wrath of God" - Thank God that He will destroy sin forever. Thank Him for giving every human being a choice and opportunity to accept Jesus' salvation. Ask God to protect us from following the antichrist principle of self-exaltation and pride. Instead, lead us to the Lamb wherever He goes.
"In the Presence of the Lamb" - It is comforting to know that in the final judgment it will be shown that your grace and salvation are not separated from justice - that You have been fair, just, and gracious in all Your dealings. Helps us choose You and surrender to You.
Song Suggestions

- O Worship the King (CH #83)
- I Sing the Mighty Power of God (CH #88)
- O Brother, Be Faithful (CH #602)
- Majesty (*He is Our Song* #67)
Prayer Activity: "ACTS" PRAYER

This activity can be used at home or at a prayer meeting or Sabbath School. Encourage children to try this on their own. If you are gathered with children in a prayer meeting, then children can volunteer to say a sentence or two for each of the letters mentioned, such as:

Adoration: First, tell God how much you love Him and adore Him.
Confession: Tell God what you have done wrong and that you are sorry. Ask Him to forgive you (This part can be done silently by each person).
Thanksgiving: Thank God for all the good things in your life and the many blessings.
Supplication: Pray for others who need God's help.