

**F A M O U S**  
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**a study in revelation**

**“The Last Word on Prayer”**  
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**Sermon Outline Notes**

**The Famous Last Words of Scripture SHOWS US THAT**  
**PRAYER CENTERS US WITH GOD AND ORIENTS US TO HIS**  
**PLAN FOR OUR WORLD**

*“This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, <sup>10</sup> your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:9-10*

**I. Revelation 8:1-5**

When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.<sup>3</sup> Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all God’s people, on the golden altar in front of the throne. <sup>4</sup> The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God’s people, went up before God from the angel’s hand. <sup>5</sup> Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

**These Famous Last Words SHOW THAT GOD HEARS US &**  
**RESPONDS WHICH BRINGS HOPE**

*This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. <sup>15</sup> And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him. 1 John 5:14-15*

## **II. Revelation 8:6-9:19**

<sup>6</sup> Then the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to sound them. <sup>7</sup> The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down on the earth...<sup>8</sup> The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea...<sup>10</sup> The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water—<sup>11</sup> the name of the star is Wormwood...<sup>12</sup> The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark...<sup>9:1</sup> The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth...<sup>13</sup> The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the four horns of the golden altar that is before God. <sup>14</sup> It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.”<sup>15</sup> And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind...

### **These Famous Last Words DEMONSTRATE THAT GOD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR JUSTICE IN THE END**

*Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup> Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. Romans 12:17-19*

## **III. Revelation 9:20-21**

<sup>20</sup> 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 worshipping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk. <sup>21</sup> Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.

### **These Famous Last Words REMIND US THAT WE DO NOT ALWAYS SEE THE ANSWERS TO OUR PRAYERS**

*We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup> Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for*

*our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. Romans 8:22-25*