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Revelation 16:9, “*And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.*”

The Bible is very clear that when we obey the LORD we need to repent of our sins. Jesus said the exact same words in Luke 13:3 and 13:5, “*I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.*” The people were concerned about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. Jesus then tells about a tower that fell and killed 18 people. These were the major events at that particular time that would have been on the mind of people. Jesus said they would likewise perish if they did not repent.

To repent means to turn around and change the direction we are going. These people needed to change their lives.

In Revelation 16 we read where the seven angels are sent forth to pour out the vials of the wrath of God. The first six vials seemed to have occurred quickly and were possibly concurrent, and even could still be ongoing. At the pouring out of the fourth and fifth vials, it is said that those on whom these vials were poured out repented not.

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This implies that they had the opportunity to repent, but did not. At the fourth vial in Revelation 16:9 it says they repented not to give Him glory. They had blasphemed the name of God. They could have repented and instead given Him glory, but did not.

It’s interesting to note, and frightening, that when the seventh vial is poured out, it’s never mentioned that the people repented not. I think this is because the seventh vial poured out is when the LORD returns. The language is such that it indicates the end of time. Being the seventh vial, the wrath of God is complete, and that would be the end of time.

It says the vial is poured out into the air, which is probably a reference to the LORD returning in the air. In Revelation 16:15 Jesus warns He is coming as a thief in the night, which is language used in II Peter 3:10 about the LORD’s return.

It’s never said those at the seventh vial repented not because they could not. At that time it will be too late to repent. The time to repent and change is now— before our death and the LORD’s return. Don’t let it be said of us, “They repented not.”

—Marty Edwards❖

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Malachi 1:7-8, “*Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD [is] contemptible. ⁸And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, [is it] not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, [is it] not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.*”

The LORD early in the Bible commanded that the people offer sacrifices that had no blemish to Him. Beginning with Exodus 12:5 the LORD said, “*Your lamb shall be without blemish...*” The LORD never wanted His people to offer things that were damaged, broken, and in some way blemished.

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At the very end of the Old Testament the people were doing this. In Malachi 1:8 the LORD asked if the governor would be pleased with their offerings. Of course he would not have been. They were giving offerings unto the LORD that they would not give to a worldly leader.

I wonder how often we do this in many ways. We give little time to the LORD in attendance and yet give much more time to recreation and other activities. We barely study the Bible, but yet know much more about popular media and news events of the day. We spend lavishly on entertainment and eating out, but have to skimp when it comes to giving to the LORD's work.

The LORD was quite displeased with the people because of doing this, and it's certain He is displeased with us when we barely offer service, time, and money to Him. The LORD said this wearied Him. Malachi 1:13, *"Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD."*

The LORD asked if He should accept these offerings when they brought the torn, lame, and sick. He would not accept these offerings. In the next verse we are told, *"¹⁴But cursed [be] the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing: for I [am] a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name [is] dreadful among the heathen."*

They were deceivers and the LORD said they were cursed who had the offerings in their flocks and yet offered a corrupt thing. (You could have an offering with blemish if it was a freewill offering, but

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Sunday, May 20, 2018		
Classes	16	Titus 1:1-3
Preaching	29	Sooner (Hebrews 13:9; James 1:11)
Contribution	\$687.00	
Evening	20	Haggai 1:1-15
Wednesday, May 23, 2018		
Classes	23	Revelation 18:1-10

Visitors—
May 20 (AM) Michelle & Owen Harrington (Oklahoma City, OK); Jessica, Hayden, & Kayden Kelly (Sardis, TN)
May 20 (PM) Margaret Sandidge (Hardyville, KY)

Bible Quiz

An angel lightened the earth with his what?

Last Week's Answer— Lord of lords,
King of kings (Revelation 17:14)

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not for a vow— Leviticus 22:23.) Do we think we are any less cursed when we could give more time, study and money to the LORD, yet we barely give those things. Let's give our best to the LORD, and lay up treasures in Heaven. —Marty Edwards❖

—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)