



THE THREAD

weaving Sunday's message through the week

Date: January 13, 2019

Passage: Ezekiel 8-9

Theme: The Glory of God Offended

1. The glory of God is offended by our sin (chapter 8).
 - A. Types of Sin
 - i. Sin of False Worship: Worshipping God according to our standards and ideas rather than who he is and what he has done
 - ii. Sin of Immoral Behavior: Violent treatment of others and degeneration of personal character
 - B. Offense to God
 - i. Sin provides us with false security that we are getting away with it without God seeing or caring.
 - ii. Sin arouses God's anger
2. The glory of God requires the judgment of sin (chapter 9).
 - A. God treats all of humanity fairly for their committing sin and rejecting the truth of his word.
 - B. God will ultimately destroy those who reject him by going their own way.
 - C. God will chasten and discipline his own people for their sin as well.
 - D. God saves those who faithfully commit themselves to him.

Main Idea: We need to understand that our sin stands diametrically opposed to God's glory.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. From the description in chapter 8, what were the sins that the people were committing that grabbed God's attention? How might we commit similar sins today?
2. While the people had a false sense of security that God wasn't seeing what they were doing and had abandoned the land, why do you think that God had waited as long as he did to bring judgment for their idolatry and violence?
3. What do you learn about God from his interaction with the prophet and his response to the people's sin in chapters 8 and 9? How does this affect your understanding of him?
4. How would you respond to someone who was offended by what God does in bringing judgment the way he did in chapter 9?
5. What do these two chapters challenge you to do?

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