

1. Read Joel 3:1-8 — ***Get Ready for God's Judgment.***
  - a. The nations are condemned for scattering God's people and treating human life as disposable (Verses 2–3). Why does God take these sins so personally?
  - b. How does knowing that God will one day right every wrong bring comfort to people who have experienced injustice? Why is it so hard to resist taking vengeance into our own hands and not “leave room for God's wrath” (Romans 12:19)?
  - c. Paul also says in 2 Corinthians 5:10 that believers will stand before the judgment seat of Christ regarding their faithfulness. How does that truth challenge you to think differently about the use of your time, talents, and treasure?
2. Read Joel 3:9-16 — ***Get Ready for God's Victory.***
  - a. God calls the nations to prepare for battle against him in Verses 9-11. How is this scene both ironic and sobering?
  - b. Verse 16 contrasts the Lord's “roar” as both judgment for God's enemies and refuge for God's people. What does this reveal about the twofold nature of God's power? Where do you most need to take refuge in God right now rather than relying on your own strength?
  - c. When you look at the state of the world today, what are some ways it feels like evil is winning? How should knowing the “end of the story” shape the way you live in times of difficulty or uncertainty?
3. Read Joel 3:17-21 — ***Get Ready for God's Dwelling.***
  - a. According to Verse 17, what is God's ultimate goal for his people? How does the imagery in Verse 18 contrast with the devastation described earlier in Joel?
  - b. How do these verses point forward to Revelation 21:1–5? What excites you most about the promise of God dwelling with his people forever? In light of that hope, how should followers of Jesus live differently here and now?
4. How is our need to get ready for God's judgment, victory, and dwelling ultimately fulfilled through Jesus's death, resurrection, and return?

**Next Week:** Exodus 20:8-11, Hebrews 10:24-25, Matthew 18:20, Revelation 7:9-10, Ephesians 4:15-16, Acts 13:2-3



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