

(1) 2:17 → God’s faithless people charged Him with being _____.

(2) 3:1-4 → God’s 1st response to their cry for justice: a coming _____.

(3) 3:5 → God’s 2nd response to their cry for justice: a coming _____.

1. Read 2:17.

- a. What is the danger of allowing our circumstances to shape our view of God’s character?
- b. In what ways might we unintentionally accuse God of injustice in our own lives?
- c. How have you wearied the Lord with your words this week?

2. Read 3:1-4.

- a. How would these verses have both confronted Israel’s sin and given them hope?
- b. What are some different ways God purifies and refines us once we come to Jesus?
- c. What is the purpose of God’s purifying process in our lives? (see 1 Peter 1:6–7)

3. Read 3:5.

- a. Why is it comforting to know God will come to judge the world? (see Psalm 96 for help)
- b. How should Christians live in light of God’s coming judgment? (see 2 Cor. 5:17-21; 1 Pet. 1:13-19; 2 Pet. 3:11-13)