

The Prophetic Imagination

The Day

SERMON SUMMARY

The "Day of the Lord" is God's shattering intervention, a storm of judgment and mercy that darkens the sky and redeems the lost, from the prophets to the cross. It demands we face our pride, embrace Jesus' victory, and live awake to His coming reign."

KEY VERSES

Joel 2:1-2

SERMON NOTES LINK

<https://bible.com/events/49410461>

DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. What's a time you saw justice done? How did it feel?
2. The "Day of the Lord" is God's decisive intervention in history, bringing judgment on sin and salvation to His people, often marked by darkness and cosmic upheaval, as fulfilled in Jesus' cross and anticipated in His return.
 - a. Read: Isaiah 2:6-22, Joel 2:1-2 and Zephaniah 1:14-18.
 - b. What grabs you from these passages—fear, awe, something else? Why might God paint The Day of the Lord as so intense?
3. Think back to last week when we read through Ezekiel 34. How did that chapter contain both judgement and salvation, punishment and promise?
4. Read John 12:31. How is Jesus' cross a "Day of the Lord"—judging sin, saving us? How's that change God in your eyes?
5. What's this "Day" say about God—angry, loving, both? How does that shape how you trust or follow Him?
6. Read Isaiah 2:11-12. Where do you see pride (yours or others') needing a "Day of the Lord" shake-up today?
7. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11. Read vs. 9 again. God's wrath is real, but his salvation is open. How does that make you feel?
 - a. Read vs 2 again. If this "Day" could drop anytime, what's one thing you'd shift—big or small—in your life?

PRAYER EXERCISE

Lord, we ache for your Day.

Come, Jesus, with judgment and mercy—our hearts wait for you.

[Pause for 30 seconds of silence—longing, listening.]

Your Day is near. Come Lord Jesus.