

“The King of Kings is Coming!” (part 2)

Text – Joel 1

Topic – The Day of the LORD

1. _____: “The Great Day of the LORD” (Joel 1:15)
2. _____: To warn Judah of God’s imminent judgment because the people had broken covenant by disobeying God’s Law and Commandments.
3. Central _____: Sin invites God’s _____; Obedience invites His _____.

I. The Scene in Joel 1 follows a _____; a great _____ that left Judah and the people _____.

- A. Joel called on “old men” to _____ all that Judah had suffered. (1:1-2a)
- B. Joel’s challenge: Don’t allow this tragedy to be _____. (1:3)

II. A Plague of _____: A preview of God’s judgment on Judah.

- A. An Unparalleled Natural _____ (Joel 1:1-3)
- B. A Path of _____ (1:4-7)
 1. Four different swarms of locusts (1:4)
 2. The four names (1:4) not only represented the damaging power of locusts, but also a foretelling of nations that would afflict Judah. (1:5-7; Ezekiel 38:16)

III. A Time for _____: Drought and fire are a picture of God’s _____. (1:8-12)

- A. Four commands to lament and repent of one’s sin (1:5-12)
 1. Be _____, like drunkards. (1:5)
 2. Be _____, like a virgin bride in “sackcloth,” bereaved of her groom. (1:8)
 3. Be _____, like priests who have no sacrifices to offer. (1:9, 13)
 4. Be _____, like farmers who have nothing to harvest. (1:11-12a)
- B. A Summons to Fast, Pray, and “_____ Unto the LORD” (1:14-20)

God is _____ and He never wants His people to waste a _____.

“If God is good and merciful, why does He allow so much sorrow, suffering, and death in the world?”

Conclusion - Where is God when tragedy strikes a nation, a community, a family, a life?

- A. The LORD is never less than _____, _____ God. (Pro. 16:33; Job 12:23; Lam. 3:37-38; Amos 3:6)
- B. God uses natural _____ to awaken a nation from spiritual _____ and call it to _____.
- C. God uses _____ to stir believers to _____ of their sins and turn to Him.