

# *The Day of the LORD*

## Joel Series – Part 2

Scripture text – Joel 2:1-17

### Review

- \_\_\_\_\_ had befallen Israel. So, Joel instructed the people to cry out to \_\_\_\_\_ as the only one who could help them.
- Unfortunately, our tendency (and temptation) is to look to \_\_\_\_\_ when things are falling apart.

### Part 1: The Day of the LORD

- You would think, in the midst of a disaster, Joel would try to \_\_\_\_\_ the people. Instead, he prophesies an even \_\_\_\_\_ disaster for Israel.
- It turns out the locust swarm was a foreshadowing of the Babylonian massacre of \_\_\_\_\_ BC.
- The phrase “day of the LORD” refers to any day God steps into human history and \_\_\_\_\_ wickedness.
- Question: Is America (and-or the American church) experiencing such a day?
- The (good) result is that the people who gather on Sunday morning really want to \_\_\_\_\_ there.

### Part 2: The Character of the LORD

- Yes, the LORD thunders, but he is also \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_, abounding in \_\_\_\_\_. How do we resolve the tension?
- Millard Erickson: “God is an \_\_\_\_\_ being and the divine attributes are harmonious.”
  - a. Love without \_\_\_\_\_ is mere sentimentality.
  - b. Divine justice without \_\_\_\_\_ isn’t something we even want to contemplate.
- Key point: God sometimes fights \_\_\_\_\_ his people as a way of fighting \_\_\_\_\_ them.

### Personal Application

- Many have bought into the world's thinking that views difficulties and hardships as \_\_\_\_\_ events.
- However, the Bible teaches us to view hardship as \_\_\_\_\_ from the Lord (see Hebrews 12).
- One of our greatest needs is to have a \_\_\_\_\_ understanding of suffering & hardship.
- Tim Keller: "Every culture trains its members for grief, pain and loss. Unfortunately, our culture is doing the \_\_\_\_\_ possible job it can."