

Reflection Questions: What difference does *the day of the Lord* make in my life? Am I indifferent to God's judgment on those who do not know Him through Jesus? Why? What will I do to share the grace of the gospel of God with others?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?



#3 The Day of the Lord, 15

November 17, 2019

Sermon
Notes

Quotes to Ponder

*The Day of the Lord overshadows all human history
and hence is always near.*

Willem A. VanGemeren

*The Day of Yahweh concept embraces more than just the idea of blessing
on Israel and judgment on the nations; rather, it adumbrates the fuller
conception of judgment for sin and blessing/vindication for obedience and
faith, regardless of national identity.*

*As with all predictive prophecy, it is not heralded in a historical vacuum;
rather its proclamation addresses the need of the hour, thereby providing
a secure point of departure from which to understand the
eschatological event.*

Irvin A. Busenitz

*This day is depicted as a period when the Lord will conclude His work of
salvation and judgment on a universal and cosmic scale.... The topic of
that day is introduced by means of a contemporary calamity.*

Walter Kaiser

*Throughout the entire historical outpouring of God's wrath ... a strange
paradox exists: God is busily working to save sinners from His own wrath.*

John MacArthur

*O make proof of His mercy, rather than His justice; of His love rather than
the thunder of His power! He is not far from every one of us; and He is
now come, not to condemn, but to save the world. He standeth
in their midst!*

John Wesley

*Past events worthy of the designation "Day of the Lord" provided a taste
of things to come, and provide continued opportunity for repentance
before arrival of the day.*

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1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you?
Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you?

2. Read *Obadiah 15*. Does *the day of the Lord* emphasize God's judgment or blessing? Does it primarily affect Israel or Gentiles? Is it a past, imminent, or future event?

3. What do these verses teach about *the day of the Lord*?

Isaiah 2:12 —

Obadiah 15 —

Isaiah 13:6, 9 —

Zephaniah 1:7, 14 —

Ezekiel 30:3 —

Zechariah 14:1 —

Joel 1:5 —

Malachi 4:5 —

Joel 2:1, 11, 31 —

1 Thessalonians 5:2 —

Amos 5:18, 20 —

2 Peter 3:10 —

4. In what sense is *the day of the Lord* near?

What do *Psalms 90:4* and *2 Peter 3:8-9* add to your understanding?

5. Read *1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11*. How does *the day of the Lord* relate to the rapture of the church?

Why does *the day of the Lord* overtake the world as a surprise but does not surprise Christians?

What is the purpose of Paul's teaching here (*4:18; 5:11*)?

How does his information provide comfort and encouragement?

How are we to live because of this information (*5:6-11*)?

6. Because of what we know about *the day of the Lord*, how should we respond (*2 Peter 3:10-13*)?

7. What does Peter urge each of us to make every effort to do (*2 Peter 3:14*)?

8. What do we learn about God's patience in *2 Peter 3:9, 15*?