



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

1, 2 Kings Sermon Series

Supports Session 11: God Judges

Sermon Title: "Justice At The Cross" (Isaiah 53:4-6)

Connection to 2 Kings 17:7-20

God is just and therefore must judge our sin. He judged the sin of Israel in 2 Kings 17:7-20 by removing His people from the promised land. His judgement, at the cross of Christ, is prophesied in Isaiah 53.

Introduction/Opening

Sadly, our culture sees sin as something humorous. We giggle at things we see depicted on TV and we laugh at a highly inappropriate punch line in a joke. God does not see our sin that way. Yes, He is love. And He is just. His justice and grace are on full display when Isaiah wrote about the cross of Christ hundreds of years before His crucifixion. Today's message will articulate why Jesus experienced the judgement of God and what took place because of Christ's faithful obedience.

Outline

1. Why Christ Went to the Cross

a) For our rebellion (v. 5). Christ went to the cross out of obedience to the Father. It was "our" rebellion that put Him there. The personal pronouns found in verses 4-6 should cause us all to pause. Isaiah was not blaming Adam and Eve, although this is where it started. He was putting all of us in the same predicament. The word translated *rebellion* means to actively commit a crime or engage in wrongdoing against another. We have all hurt someone, either intentionally or unintentionally. We are guilty.

b) For our iniquities (v. 5). Not only did our rebellion lead Christ to the cross, but our iniquities also put him there as well. The word translated *iniquity* means to twist or bend something so that it is no longer in its preferred state. Some translations use the word *sin* as opposed to *iniquity*.

We may think that we were doing good with rebellion as we have not been convicted of a crime against another. But sin is sin. The Bible says that all have sinned and fallen short of God's perfect standard (Rom. 3:23).

c) For our punishment (v. 5-6). God does not see sin as something to laugh about. Instead, He punishes sin. Our punishment, which we deserve, fell upon Christ.

Have you ever been accused of something that you did not do? If yes, then you probably felt like something was not fair and the person that participated in the wrongdoing needed

to step up and take responsibility. Jesus lived a perfect and sinless life. If anyone did not deserve punishment, it was Jesus. Yet, God had to pass judgement on sin. It should have been us, but Christ substituted Himself in our place.

2. What Happened at the Cross?

a) Christ carried our pains (v. 4). Moving is no fun. It is a day of picking things up multiple times and a night full of pain because of the day. Carrying heavy objects is not for the weak at heart.

Isaiah said that Jesus carried our pain while on the cross. The word translated *pain* is not referring to a backache as much as it is referencing our sorrows and emotional pains that we experience throughout life. We experience these sorrows and pains from living in a world willed with rebellion and iniquities. Jesus took these pains to the cross.

b) Christ was pierced and died (v. 5). Most criminals that were crucified were tied to the cross and had to suffer over an extended period. Jesus, however, was nailed to the cross which caused even more extensive pain. Furthermore, He was scourged, mocked, and had a crown of thrones placed on His head. The result of all of this is that He died and was buried. The tomb was only borrowed for a short while, but He was in it.

c) Christ offered healing (v. 5). The word translated *healed* is an action verb. It means to be restored, to be made healthy. We are all broken because of our rebellion and iniquity, and we need healing. The Bible says that we are healed by His wounds.

Isaiah did not add anything to this passage. He did not say that restoration is found in Christ along with our so-called good works. He did not say that healing is found in attending church a certain number of times or not committing the so-called big sins. Our healing is found in the wounds of Christ and no other way.

Conclusion

The world sees sin as something humorous or not being that big of a deal. God sees sin in a different way. Because He is just, He must judge sin. Our sin cannot go unpunished. The amazing thing is that God has placed our punishment upon Christ as our substitute.

The question now becomes, do I want to allow Christ to be my substitute, or do I want to take my own punishment? Asking Christ to serve as our substitute means submitting to Him as our Lord and asking Him to save us from our sins. He has already paid the price.

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