

Judgment and Hope: A study of Joel, Obadiah and Malachi

The Day of the Lord: Good or Bad?

Joel 2:1-32

What will it take for people to change their behavior and follow God?

A. The Day of the Lord – Joel 2:1-11

- A Terrible, Horrible, No-Good, Very Bad Day
- Zion is the Presence of God
- God leads the destruction and darkness.
- The Judgement of God is dreadful

B. The Call to Return to God – Joel 2: 12-17

- It is not too late, repent and turn to God.
- Characteristics of God.
- All have suffered, now all need to turn to God.
- Focus on the destruction, or focus on God?

C. The Blessings of God – Joel 2: 18-27

What are Blessings of God that we receive in our lives?

- God reverses the conditions that were experienced in the Plague.
- He will provide plenty of rain and abundant food as a way to prove that he is with them and cares for them.
- God wants us to recognize his presence!

What or who are we elevating to the status of God in our lives?

D. The Gift of God Through Faith – Joel 2:28-32

- The Spirit is a Gift from God – Peter’s message in Acts 2. “Save yourself from this corrupt generation.” Save yourself from judgment.
- “Call upon the name of the Lord,” is a phrase that involves possession.
- The salvation through Jesus validates this prophecy from Joel.

Conclusion: Only Faith in God will save you from God’s judgment. (Jesus Christ is our pathway to a relationship with God.)

