

# THE DAY OF THE LORD

## Joel 2:1-11

The “Day of the Lord” is when God demonstrates His glory through judgment, justice and deliverance pointing to the culmination of His ultimate plan for creation and the reckoning of all things.

- God’s people are called to proclaim His impending judgment and the way of salvation.
- God’s judgment is:
  - Ominous
  - Unparalleled
  - Destructive
  - Painful
  - Unswerving
  - Pervasive
  - Powerful
  - Decisive
  - Cosmic
- God’s words are authoritative, and no one will escape His judgment.

## further up, further in

1. How popular is it to discuss God’s judgment? Is that hard to understand in relation to his love? What Scripture comes to mind to understand this? Is. 2:17, Zeph. 1:14-15, Is. 51:3, Ezek. 36:35, Nahum 2:10, Jonah 3:9, Psalm 29:6-9
2. Should we avoid talking to people about hell and eternal damnation? What is the best way to do this? Matt. 8:10-12, 1 Peter 3:15, Col. 3:12
3. Read passages about the Day of the Lord. How do you understand this idea? Joel 1:15, Is. 13:9, Ezek. 30:3, Obadiah 15, Zeph. 1:7, Acts 2:20, 2 Pet. 3:10
4. Read Joel 2:1b-10. Describe the different things you see and hear with this metaphor about God’s judgment.?
5. Read Joel 2:11. Discuss the completeness of God’s judgment. How should we respond? What hope can we share with a hurting world heading for God’s judgment? Heb. 12:18-24, Matt. 18:12-13, Luke 15:20.
6. Discuss the baptisms you witnessed and what was announced at the end of our service. How do you see the Body’s responsibility in this situation?

