

SENSE AND REPENT-IBILITY

Joel 3:1-12

- God cares deeply for His people (v1)
- God will not be mocked (vv 2-3)
- God will bring retribution and make restitution (vv 4-8)
- God will judge His enemies justly (vv 9-12)

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1. Read Joel 2:18 – 3:1. How does it make you feel to see God’s profound care for His people? Thinking ahead into chapter 3, does the impending judgment of the nations make it harder to believe that God loves His people?
2. What are some ways that you doubt God’s care for you? Discuss some promises of God that may help bolster your faith. Matthew 6:25-30. 1 Peter 5:7
3. In what ways do the actions of the nations in Joel 3:2-3, 5-6 attempt to undo the restorative work of God in Israel?
4. What are some ways that we either personally or culturally mock God today (intentionally or not)? Think about things that Western culture fights for, espouses, or affirms that God does not. Think about arenas where human dignity and value is compromised.
5. Would God be just in judging the United States of America (or other modern nations)? Why or why not? If so, what might that judgment look like? To help with considering this, look at Joel 3:7-8 to see God’s actions against the nations.
6. How does this passage of Scripture encourage you to live? Are there any changes that you hope to make in your life?

