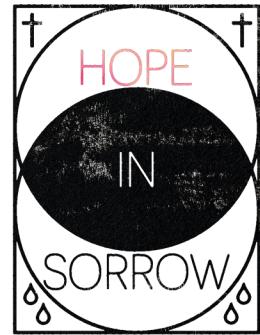


SOVEREIGN JUSTICE (OBADIAH)

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We Struggle with God's Justice and ask questions like: Is He present?
Is His plan coming together?

Why do I feel like good things are happening for bad people and bad things are happening for good people?

Israel had just been captured by Babylon and Edom, which was on the other side of the Dead Sea, just watched them and then plundered their cities

Edom was Israel's Kin (Deuteronomy 23:7)

Obadiah, as a minor prophet, came to speak out against Edom and their harmful actions toward Israel. This would have been penned around 840 BC.

1. Pride Destroyed Them (V. 2-4)

- Pride stabs in the back

2. Money Deceived Them (V. 5-6)

- A theft for a theft
- When the Lord bestows justice, they receive what they have dispensed (Matthew 7:2)

3. Friends Betrayed Them (V. 7)

- When we treat others with cruelty, they will walk away
- You may be the common denominator
- Why would Edom receive such treatment?:
 1. They used violence against those who were called brothers (V. 10)
 - Sometimes even family wants to see failure
 - We want justice before the Lord is ready
 2. They rejoiced in others suffering (V. 12, Ezekiel 35:15)
 - We can be guilty of finding pleasure in others downfalls
 - Don't Rejoice-Pray, Don't Hate-Love, Don't Curse-Bless (Luke 6:27-29)
 3. They ignored God's Might and Authority (V. 15-16)
 - Our God is a loving God, but He is a Jealous God
 - We were created for the Lord, not the other way around
 - Rab-Koach translated means Mighty in Power or Great in Strength

The Lord Delivers (V. 17-18) - The Lord Defeats (V. 19-20) - The Lord Establishes (V. 21)

1. Read Obadiah 1-4, Proverbs 16:18, Proverbs 11:2, James 4:6

Why does pride seem to be at the core of most sin struggles? How does the Lord see it? Where have you seen pride creep up in your life?

2. Read Obadiah 5-8, 1 Timothy 6:10, Psalm 146:3

We can easily put all our investments in both money and relationships, why should we be cautious in these things? What happens when we begin to worship our money and relationships? What part should they have in our lives?

3. Read Obadiah 9-12, Matthew 18:15-17, Luke 17:3-4, Proverbs 10:12

It can be easy to lose grace towards those around us, and to repay evil with evil, but you and I both know that never resolves the problem. How should we resolve conflict God's way? Why is it unhealthy to hold onto hatred? How have you seen grace towards someone heal a relationship? Please share

4. Read Obadiah 15-18, Colossians 3:5-10, Hebrews 10:26-29

How have you seen the dishonor of the Lord in these present days? How do you think we, as followers of Christ, should respond? Even in the American church there seems to be a lack of the fear of the Lord, why is that? How could you and I change that spirit of neglect?

5. Read Obadiah 19-21, Deuteronomy 32:4, Psalm 9:7-8

Why do you think it is better to trust in the Lord's justice rather than our own? When was a time where your justice backfired? It is truly freeing to hand over these struggles to the Lord. What would change in your life if you really trusted God's Sovereign Justice? If you are willing, what is something that has held onto that you need to be set free from (e.g. A person, a situation, a personal outlook, an addiction)? Share as you feel led.

February: **Lamentations/Obadiah - Hope in Sorrow**

Memory Verse: Lamentations 3:22-23

Date	Sermon Text	1	2	3	4	5	6
Feb. 1	Lam. 1	Lam. 1:1-4	Lam. 1:5-8	Lam. 1:9-12	Lam. 1:13-16	Lam. 1:17-20	Lam. 1:21-22
Feb. 8	Lam. 2-3	Lam. 2:1-7	Lam. 2:8-15	Lam. 2:16-22	Lam. 3:1-22	Lam. 3:23-44	Lam. 3:45-66
Feb. 15	Lam. 4-5	Lam. 4:1-7	Lam. 4:8-15	Lam. 4:16-22	Lam. 5:1-7	Lam. 5:8-15	Lam. 5:16-22
Feb. 22	Obadiah	Ob. 1-4	Ob. 5-8	Ob. 9-12	Ob. 13-15	Ob. 16-18	Ob. 19-21