

Beware the Day of Vengeance

Isaiah 34

1. Behold the _____ of the LORD (v. 1-8)
 - a. On _____ the earth
 - b. With _____ destruction
 - c. Upon those who _____ Him
 - i. The _____ of Edom
 - Rival of _____
 - Blocker of _____
 - Adversary of _____
 - Mocker of _____
 - ii. The _____ for Zion
2. Behold the _____ of the LORD (v. 8-15)
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. Reverting to _____
 - d. _____/_____
3. Behold the _____ of the LORD (v. 16-17)
 - a. According to the _____
 - b. According to His _____
 - c. According to His _____
 - d. According to His _____

“For this I will lament and wail; I will go stripped and naked; I will make lamentation like the jackals, and mourning like the ostriches. For her wound is incurable, and it has come to Judah; it has reached to the gate of my people, to Jerusalem.”

(Micah 1:8-9)

Does God Love the Sinner?

“And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”

(Revelation 20:15)

“The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

(Matthew 13:41-42)

For a long time I have heard the repeated refrain, “God loves the sinner but hates the sin.” So what do you do with a verse from Malachi 1 quoted by Paul in Romans 9:13: “As it is written, ‘Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated?’” When first introduced to these two brothers, it seems like Jacob is the worse scoundrel! How could God love Jacob but hate Esau? They were both sinners!

The fact of the matter is that the Bible clearly teaches that God hates sin. It is also clear that the unrepentant sinner has no place in the Kingdom of God and will be punished eternally. God might show kindness to the unrepentant sinner by the common grace of providence and by delaying judgment but He does not love the unrepentant sinner in the same way He loves the repentant sinner.

If we mean by “God loves sinners,” that God unconditionally loves all sinners in the same way, then this is an unbiblical teaching. If, however, by saying that “God loves sinners,” we mean that God loves some undeserving people with an unconditional and amazing love, then we understand God’s love to repentant sinners whom He has called to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Judgment is coming. Woe to the unrepentant sinner!