

God is Angry with You But...
Ancient Judgments: A Warning from God
2 Peter 3:1–10
The Fall & the Flood
January 13, 2013
Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Children's Sermon

- A. Why do you sometimes hide from mom & dad?
 - 1. Do not want to get in trouble
 - 2. Do not want to be told what to do
- B. Other times, why do you want mom & dad's attention?
- C. The **bad news** & the **good news**

*Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.*

Matthew 9:13b

“I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

II. Introduction

Key Idea

*May God open our eyes to the obvious truth that we cherish our rebellion and that God's righteous judgment is looming before us, **so that** we will better see the beauty of God's salvation in Jesus Christ.*

- A. Should God Bless America? Why?
- B. Should God Bless Me? Why?

III. Rebellion & Judgment

- A. We Cherish Our Rebellion

2 Peter 3:2–3

...² that you should remember the **predictions** of the holy prophets and **the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles**,³ knowing this first of all, **that scoffers will come** in the last days with scoffing, **following their own sinful desires**.

- 1. Selling Rebellion

Genesis 3:4–6

⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “**You will not surely die.**” ⁵ *For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.*”

⁶ So **when the woman saw** that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

2. They/We Hide From God

Genesis 3:8

⁸ And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the *cool* of the day, and the man and his wife **hid themselves** from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

3. We Want What **We** Want (Wickedness)

John 3:19

¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and **people loved the darkness** rather than the light because **their works were evil**.

B. We Deliberately Overlook God’s Warning

2 Peter 3:4–7

⁴ [Scoffers] will say, “*Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.*” ⁵ For they **deliberately overlook** this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, ⁶ and that by means of these **the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished.** ⁷ But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

1. The Flood is a Warning
 - a. Wickedness revealed
 - b. Judgment & Mercy
2. Deliberately overlook
 - a. Sedimentary Rock
 - b. Fossils
3. Our issue is not with the facts but with the terrifying judgment of God

IV. But... Jesus!

Luke 19:10 (Zacchaeus)

...the Son of Man came to **seek** and to **save** the lost.”

2 Peter 3:8–10

⁸ But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

A. Seek with Tenderness & Compassion

Genesis 3:9

⁹ But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” (Cloths, Promise)

Hosea 2:14, 16, 19–20

“Therefore, behold, *I* [the LORD] **will allure her** [Israel], and bring her into the wilderness, and **speaking tenderly to her**. ...“And in that day, declares the Lord, you will call me ‘**My Husband,**’ ... And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. **And you shall know the Lord.**

B. Save: What Husband is Like Jesus!

Genesis 8:20–22

²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered **burnt offerings** on the altar. ²¹ And ***when the Lord smelled the pleasing aroma***, the Lord said in his heart, “I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man’s heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. ²² While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.”

Galatians 1:3–5

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord **Jesus Christ**, ⁴ ***who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age***, according to ***the will of our God and Father***, ⁵ to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood;
How His kindness yet pursues me
Mortal tongue can never tell,
Clothed in flesh, till death shall loose me
I cannot proclaim it well.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I’m constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.