

Sermon Title: The Best Is Yet To Come

Sermon Text: Obadiah 15-21

Cover Verse: Revelation 11:15b (just the quote from the angels that begins “the kingdom...”)

Main Point: Hope is sustained by the promise that God’s best is yet to come

Proposition: 3 promises God provides his people

Even in a world gone wrong....

- God promises to put an end to sin (15-16)
  - By punishing it appropriately (15)
  - By removing it completely (16)
  
- God promises to bless his chosen people (17-20)
  - By making them holy (17)
  - By granting their inheritance (18-20)
  
- God promises to reign as our perfect king (21)
  - By establishing perfect justice
  - By displaying perfect authority

Application: Even in a world gone wrong, trust in God’s coming kingdom

### **Cross References**

Genesis 25:19-24

Psalms 22:27-31; 37; 75:8

Joel 2-3

Amos 9:11-15

Romans 8:28-40; 9-11

Ephesians 1:3-14

1 Peter 1:3-9

Revelation 11:15-19; 19-22

### **Recommended Resources**

<https://blog.tms.edu/the-book-of-obadiah>

<https://www.gbco.org/sermon/the-hate-that-god-loves>

<https://www.wordboard.org/obadiah>

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/obadiah/>

### **Life Group Questions**

1. Why is the Day of the Lord typically described as “near”? How does this impact the way we respond to wickedness here and now? Likewise, how should it motivate our church regarding our ‘reaching farther’ and ‘art of neighboring’ initiatives?
2. Can you imagine what the world would look like without sin? Take a moment as a group, family, or individual to consider what this might look like. What are the particular “wrongs” you look forward to being made “right”?
3. Read 1 Peter 1:3-9. What does God promise as our inheritance as Christians? When will we receive it? According to the context, why is this promise important to Peter’s audience? What are they currently experiencing? How does this relate to what we have learned in Obadiah?
4. As God’s people, what do we learn about his character from Obadiah? What does his promise to restore Israel (considering their future rejection of Jesus in Matthew’s gospel) show us? Read Romans 8:28-40 for further insight and encouragement.
5. How does Obadiah 21 reinforce the truth that justice begins and ends with God? Also, consider what it means for God to have perfect authority. What does imperfect authority look like in our contemporary culture? What excites you about being a citizen in God’s kingdom?
6. As a group, family, or individual, consider everything you have learned from the book of Obadiah. What did you most enjoy about this study? What is one big idea you will take away from it?