

Sunday Worship July 19 Obadiah 1:15–18

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Summary

The God Who Makes All Things Right

Big Idea: Because the Lord is great and sovereign, He will certainly judge wickedness, preserve His people, and bring about a complete and holy victory.

Overview

The pastor directed the congregation to Obadiah 15-18 to remind them that God is never small or powerless. When His people feel overwhelmed by evil or suffering, they must remember the God who “makes all things right.” Obadiah shows three movements of God's work: certain retribution for the wicked, holy deliverance for the remnant, and a final, complete victory that only the Lord can achieve. The message called believers to trust this big God by waiting patiently and walking in His ways.

Key Scripture

- **Obadiah 15-18** — The foundation of the whole message: God judges nations, delivers Zion, and secures victory.
 - **Exodus 34:6-7** — The theological anchor: the Lord forgives iniquity yet will not leave the guilty unpunished.
 - **Isaiah 40:30-31** — The practical promise: those who wait on the Lord renew their strength.
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Main Points

1. The certainty of divine retribution (vv. 15-16)

- “The day of the LORD is near upon all the nations.”
- Edom believed judgment would never come, yet God's justice is fixed; what they did to Judah would return on their own heads.
- Prophetic “telescoping” : the near judgment of Edom previews the future, universal judgment when Christ returns.
- God's covenant name guarantees He will “by no means clear the guilty” (Ex 34).

2. The holiness of divine deliverance (v. 17)

- In Mount Zion “there shall be those who escape.” God always keeps a remnant.
- His deliverance is holy because He preserves His presence and His people without violating His justice.
- Even exile, ruined walls, and a burned temple were part of God's pure plan to purify and restore His mountain.
- The house of Jacob will again “possess their own possessions” because the covenant promises cannot fail.

3. The completeness of divine victory (v. 18)

- Judah and Joseph (the reunited nation) become God's instrument—fire that consumes Esau's stubble.
- This partial victory foreshadows the total triumph accomplished by the God-Man, Jesus Christ, over sin, death, and Satan.
- Final assurance: “For the LORD has spoken.” His word is firmly fixed forever (Psalm 119:89); therefore the outcome is certain.

Application

The call: Trust the Lord who will make all things right; wait for Him and obey His word even when wickedness seems to triumph.

Head — Remember God's attributes: He is equally just, merciful, holy, and sovereign; none of His qualities cancel another.

Heart — Replace fear and frustration with awe: see how “big” God is and rest in His unchanging promises.

Hands

1. Practice patient waiting: resist the urge to “take matters into your own hands” when evil prospers.
2. Walk in His ways daily: let Scripture be “a lamp to your feet and a light to your path” (Psalm 119:105).
3. Encourage fellow believers who are weary—remind them of the coming day when God will set everything right.

Reflection Questions

1. When injustice seems unchecked, how do you typically respond—impatience, doubt, or trust?
2. What does Obadiah teach you about God's view of national and personal sin?

3. Where have you recently seen God preserve a “remnant” or keep His promises in your own life?
 4. In practical terms, what does it look like for you to “wait on the Lord” this week?
 5. Which part of God's character (justice, mercy, sovereignty, holiness) do you most need to remember today?
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Prayer

Righteous and merciful Father, we praise You that Your word is sure and Your judgments are true. Thank You for promising to judge evil, deliver Your people, and complete the victory through Jesus Christ. Teach us to wait patiently, to walk in the light of Your commandments, and to trust that You will make all things right. Strengthen our weary hearts and use us to reflect Your holiness until the day You are exalted among all nations. In Christ's name, Amen.