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***The Day of Silence and Sacrifice***  
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**[CALL TO HEAR]**

**1** The word of the LORD that came to Zephaniah the son of Cushi, son of Gedaliah, son of Amariah, son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah.

**The Coming Judgment on Judah**

- 2** "I will utterly sweep away everything from the face of the earth," declares the LORD.
- 3** "I will sweep away man and beast; I will sweep away the birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea, and the rubble with the wicked. I will cut off mankind from the face of the earth," declares the LORD.
- 4** "I will stretch out my hand against Judah and against all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off from this place the remnant of Baal and the name of the idolatrous priests along with the priests,
- 5** those who bow down on the roofs to the host of the heavens, those who bow down and swear to the LORD and yet swear by Milcom,
- 6** those who have turned back from following the LORD, who do not seek the LORD or inquire of him."

**The Day of the LORD Is Near**

- 7** Be silent before the Lord GOD!  
For the **day of the LORD** is near;  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice  
and consecrated his guests.
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**Pastor – "People of God, this is the Word of God."  
People – "Thanks be to God."**



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## **Pray**

### **Illustration.**

There is coming a day, a day I long for, a day I look forward to, a day of blessing that to me speaks of the wonderous glory of our Lord's returning. It is to hold a baby again and rock them to sleep 😊. With the birth of our first child Heather and I received the blessing of a Colicky baby. The way in which we were struck with this "blessing" is that at dinner time every night Baylee would start up like a Tornado Siren, signaling to us that she was having stomach pains. Then from dinner time to sleep time, for the first 4 months of her life, we fought that pain together. So about two hours every night, we would squeeze Baylee, trying to get her mind off her pains until she would pass out for the night.

Those hours of crying were overcome finally by the deafening reality of her silence. She would finally pass out in my arms, all cried out, drained, and sucking on her paccie. I would quietly lay her down, say a pray over her, kiss her good night and get ready for bed. It was in that silence that I felt most blessed because I was allowed to be a father. In that silence, even after the struggles, I felt most blessed, I was in awe of the God that would let me have a child I could love and care for. Those times of silence in our baby years were the best, when the world was simple, when all I cared about was getting the kids in bed. It is always in the silence of our home that I have felt God close by, teaching me, molding me, causing me to count my blessings.

In Zeph's prophetic sermon today, he is teaching us about the necessity of being SILENT before the Lord. That time of Silence comes on the Day that this whole book of the Bible is about, the Day of the Lord, and the first sign of it, you will see today, is **Silence**. This is the first time that phrase, "**The Day of the Lord**" is used in the text specifically. This introduction to this day tells you of the impending Silence that comes when God finally stops holding back His wrath. It is a day that produces a sobering silence, when a great judgment is about to be poured out, it also brings about an aw filled silence to His children letting them know He is near and He is active.



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## **Introduction**

### **MP**

***Come as a Silenced Guest and  
Accept the LORD'S Sacrifice.***

The three things we will look at today just from this one verse is the **Command to Silence**, the **Preparation for Sacrifice**, and the **Consecration of the Guests**. That covers the three very distinct parts of v. 7 on this very sobering and awe inspiring **Day of the Lord**.

### **1. The Command to Silence.**

- <sup>7</sup> Be **SILENT** before the Lord GOD!  
For the **day of the LORD** is near;  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice  
and consecrated his guests.

**Illustration:** This is like that moment when you are in the car with your kids and in your Grace as a loving parent you have let your offspring try to work out their differences. You know this is a part of growing up, you know the life skills of communication and problem solving are essential for mature relationships. But instead of a solving of dilemmas and a pact made in peace, there has only been the escalation of demands and grievances. What's more, you know that none of them are innocent, yet they all portray an air of superiority over the other. What they fail to see is that they all are selfish, each has decided to love themselves over the other, and unless you act you are afraid of getting into an accident. Then comes the command, "QUIET, NOT ONE MORE WORD!" There's no more arguing, no more complaining, and not only that, but there is NO allowance for apologies or sorry, all that is left is when you get home is that JUSTICE will be served.... **No more rebellion, no more grace, and no more excuses.**

This is what we are experiencing here in v.7 on the heels of vs. 4-6. Those that have gone on their roof tops and have prayed to the stars as under the influences of the ancient religion **Zoroastrianism**. Those that have listened



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to the priests and their false invites into syncretistic life. Those that adopted Baal worship and the practice of temple prostitutes and fertility rituals. Those that have even ventured as far as offering children to Molech, to get what they want. All in the name of tolerance, they can't lie anymore, they liked it. The Lord has been stirred and the time for justice has come. What's more in the Day of the Lord, even the pleas for Mercy are quenched. Silence is the sign that action is underway, the conclusion of the rebellion has begun, things have been set in process that will now not stop.

This call to silence is a repeated theme in the prophetic writings<sup>1</sup>.

- [Habakkuk 2:20](#) – “But the LORD is in His holy temple; let all the earth be **silent** before Him.”
- [Zechariah 2:13](#) – “Be **silent** before the LORD, all people, for He has roused Himself from His holy dwelling.”
- [Amos 6:10](#) – even the funeral mourner is told to keep silent because God’s judgment is at hand.

When the Lord gets up from His throne it is not a signal to get straightened out, that time has passed.

Much how we saw Jesus when He confronts evil during His ministry. When He arrives in ancient Judea there were those among the people, those that He was ministering to, whose time had run out. When He came across them, there was no more room for words.

**Mark 1:23–26 (and Luke 4:33–35):** In a synagogue in Capernaum, Jesus tells an unclean spirit, “Be quiet! Come out of him!”.

**Mark 1:34:** Mark notes that Jesus “would not let the demons speak, because they knew who he was”.

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<sup>1</sup>

- **Habakkuk 2:20:** The prophet commands the earth to be silent because the Lord is in His holy temple.
- **Zechariah 2:13:** People are told to be silent before the Lord because He has roused Himself from His holy dwelling.
- **Psalms 46:10:** A call to “be still” to acknowledge God’s sovereignty.
- **Job 40:4–5:** Job closes his mouth in humility before God’s power.
- **1 Kings 19:12:** God appears to Elijah in a “sound of sheer silence”.
- **Habakkuk 3:17–18 (Contextual):** The prophet waits patiently for God.
- **Revelation 8:1:** Silence in heaven precedes the seventh seal, showing awe before judgment.



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Paul said this was because: **Colossians 2:15 ESV** - *He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him.* Silence is a sign of triumph by our Lord, there are no words given in defense, it is when the guilty knows there is no chance.

The **Day of the Lord is a Silencing**, no more complaints and no more rebellion. There are two aspect that accompany silence in Scripture; when the Lord takes a direct hand in the following action: the silence of **judgment** and the silence of **awe**. You can find those two things in one place in the book of Revelation.

**Revelation 7:15 - 8:1 ESV**

- <sup>15</sup> "Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
- <sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.
- <sup>17</sup> For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

**The Seventh Seal and the Golden Censer**

**8** When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

The Lord on His great and terrible Day will silence all accusers; but before that He will **first** administer as a shepherd **care for His people**. Those that were so hungry for a deliverance in life, those that were plagued in this life by all manners of evil, the Lord will guide them to where they will never go without anymore, that is in His presence. The great promise of Chapter 7 IS He will dry every tear from their eyes. The tears of loss, the tears of pain, the tears of sickness, the tears of defeat, the tears of frustration, ALL of them are wiped away and to be known no more. This leads to the **silence of Awe**.

How can Jesus do this? He will not wipe your memory clean but will be able to by His presence put our memories of our lives in perspective of His



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redemption History ([Rev 21:4](#)). All things that were used for evil by us, to us, and against us, we will come to know by His grace how all was used for the God of His elect, all tears dried.

### **We Worship/Adore God for we know what He will do.**

Brother and sister, family, in this life you will have trial and tribulation but take heart there will come a day when the Lord takes all of that and will wipe away the pain, the effects of it that are damaging to you, and by His revealed Glory the history of your life will turn your feelings into eternal joy. In response is the quiet awe of your heart as it is being overwhelmed by His care.

Then we see in Revelation 8:1 silence also brings judgment, and this is the scene that Zeph is preparing people for next.

## **2. The Preparation for Sacrifice.**

- <sup>7</sup> Be silent before the Lord GOD!  
For the **day of the LORD** is near;  
the LORD has prepared a **SACRIFICE**  
and consecrated his guests.

Now in the OT a sacrifice usually comes with a dedicated day of worship or national holiday, it was a time of celebration! To the people that the prophet is writing to, they would think about the Ram in the thicket for Father Abraham, the cutting of the animals to make the Abrahamic Covenant, and all the animal sacrifices that were initiated and incorporated in the practice of Judaism; *Burnt, Peace, Sin, Guilt, and Passover*.<sup>2</sup> The image of a Sacrifice was

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- **Burnt Offering (Olah):** The most extravagant offering, where the entire animal (except the skin) was burned on the altar for God.
- **Peace Offering (Shelamim):** A shared offering associated with fellowship, thanks, or vows. The fat was burned for God, the priest received a portion, and the rest was eaten by the worshipper in a communal meal.
- **Sin/Purification Offering (Hattat):** Made to atone for unintentional sins or ceremonial impurity. The type of animal depended on the status of the person, with blood sprinkled on the altar.
- **Guilt/Trespass Offering (Asham):** Specifically for sins requiring restitution or compensation to a party (often a ram was used).
- **Passover Offering (Korban Pesach):** A specialized annual sacrifice commemorating the Exodus, where a lamb or goat was slaughtered and eaten.



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that something was being provided by God for what should be done to you. Sin requires a payment, treason requires capital consequence, rebellions must be put down or the law holds no value. To the Jew a sacrifice meant their sins were overlooked because they gave an animal in place of themselves.

But make no mistake about how Zeph uses this illustration now. This is not an image to rejoice in, this sacrifice follows on the description/declaration of judgment that was to come on God's own people for rebellion. This **sacrifice** here in v. 7 has a different connotation altogether.

There are some other places in the prophetic writings where God holds a sacrifice. The word is used to show that a people are offered up as 'the' sacrifice because of their determination not to turn, repent, and their ongoing hostility towards God and His people.

**Jeremiah 46:10 ESV**

<sup>10</sup> That day is the **day of the Lord** GOD of hosts,  
a day of **vengeance**,  
to avenge himself on his foes.  
The sword shall devour and be sated  
and drink its fill of their blood.  
For the Lord GOD of hosts holds a **SACRIFICE**  
in the north country by the river Euphrates.

This is the prophecy of Egypt's defeat by the hands of the Babylonians at the Battle of Carchemish (605 BCE).<sup>3</sup> Egypt was sacrificed because of its' wickedness directed towards God and His people and it fulfilled God's will for the redemptive History that would come through Babylon's conquering and dispersion of Judah.

**Isaiah 34:5-6 ESV**

<sup>5</sup> For my sword has drunk its fill in the heavens;  
behold, it descends for judgment upon Edom,

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<sup>3</sup> <https://egyptunitedtours.com/battle-of-carchemish/>



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upon the people I have devoted to destruction.

- 6 The LORD has a sword; it is sated with blood;  
it is gorged with fat,  
with the blood of lambs and goats,  
with the fat of the kidneys of rams.

For the LORD has a **SACRIFICE** in Bozrah,  
a great slaughter in the land of Edom.

When you read Isaiah 34 in context with the rest of Isaiah this speaks to a future coming reckoning of God with all the nations of the world. All the animals represent the different fattened nations, that had been given blessings by God, that have prospered by the common grace bestowed by God on this world. There will come a day of sacrifice, where they will be given up, for God's ultimate plan of victory, and redemption of creation through the work of Christ.

So, when we get to Zephaniah now in v.7 instead of a substitutionary sacrifice in the place for God's people, that doesn't exist anymore. Sacrifices given for sins where God's own people are not repentant, not confessional, not contrite, not humble, not grateful for Grace, not grateful for provision, not grateful for protection, as made evident by continuous sinful lives are no longer accepted. **God has always wanted our hearts not our heartless offerings.**<sup>4</sup> There is no more substitute for their rebellion and so when the Day of the Lord comes, if there is no substitute for sinners, then the guilty must make the payment, and judgment must be borne.

**We repent and confess for we know what He will do.**

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- **[Isaiah 1:11-17]:** God declares sacrifices an "abomination" and states he has "had enough" of burnt offerings when not accompanied by justice.
- **[Hosea 6:6]:** God expresses a desire for "mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God".
- **[Psalm 51:16-17]:** Declares that God does not take pleasure in burnt offerings, but rather a "broken spirit".
- **[1 Samuel 15:22]:** Highlights that "to obey is better than sacrifice".
- **[Amos 5:22-23]:** God rejects offerings and songs when justice is absent.
- **[Psalm 40:6]:** States that God did not "desire" or "require" burnt offerings.
- **[Jeremiah 7:22]:** Emphasizes that obedience was the primary command, not the ritual of sacrifice.



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Family, there is never a time in our lives when we should take it easy in our battles with sin. God's persevering work in our lives comes also from His constant admonition to continually repent and turn from sin.

### 1 John 1:8-10 ESV

<sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Brothers and sisters, the letter of 1 John was written to the church of Asia Minor. They were a people that had to be reminded like us, that sinful patterns and sinful desires continue in our lives, even after our conversions, BUT upon the confession of our shortcomings to God we are continually forgiven! This is how we deal with sin; this is how we don't look like ancient Israel; we keep in mind the **Day of the Lord shall come**, and we recognize that God will judge perfectly how we viewed our sin in this life.

### 3. The Consecrated Guests.

<sup>7</sup> Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the **day of the LORD** is near;  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice  
and **CONSECRATED** His **GUESTS**.

The word for consecrated<sup>5</sup> means to be set apart/holy. So, we are called to silence, no more objections, no more fake contrition, no more excuses. The Lord has prepared a sacrifice, the theme here; sin has been committed, continued, and now condemned. Now as the Lord prepares to exercise judgment, He has set apart guests, to be a part of it. Those that He has called for witnesses and agents of execution – the consecrated. This is Zeph telling His people it is too late, and already he is looking at the Babylonians as the invited guests.

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<sup>5</sup>קִדְּשׁוּ S<sup>6942</sup> TWOT<sup>1990</sup> GK<sup>7727</sup> vb. denom. be set apart, consecrated (Gerber<sup>238ff.</sup>). Francis Brown, Samuel Rolles Driver, and Charles Augustus Briggs, [Enhanced Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon](#) (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1977), 872.



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But why? Because ever since the beginning, the wages of sin have been death ([Rom 6:23](#)). God is a Holy and righteous God and every person ever born must deal with the sin they have committed against God. But ever since the beginning in Genesis 3 God has always provided a sacrifice for His children, to overlook sins, but now that practice had become corrupt. Instead of looking at sacrificial offerings as what God would do to remove sins one day and see it as a portrayal for what sinners are due, the people of God had made it about how they could escape wrath while exercising all matters of ungodliness they could.

The same way that God dealt with sin outside the people of God will now be the same way He deals with sin inside that community.

Now from Zephaniah's Day we go forward in time, and we see another sacrifice laid out for us. The Father has prepared a table, He has called guests from all over. Jesus even told us a story so as to make sure we would not miss the intention of the message of the OT prophets like Zephaniah.

**Matthew 22:1-14 ESV**

**The Parable of the Wedding Feast**

**22** And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, <sup>2</sup>"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, <sup>3</sup>and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come.

(The Feast? The Lamb of Judah had been prepared to bear the sins of His people. He came to be a substitute for the sacrifice. He came to be the provision for many.)

<sup>4</sup>Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.'" <sup>5</sup>But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

(Those who ignored the invite and mistreated the servants of the master, those that were destroyed as ancient Israel turned over to Babylon and



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perhaps in Jesus' day an unrepentant Jerusalem turned over to Rome in 70 AD - a Dual fulfillment)

<sup>8</sup>Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' <sup>10</sup>And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

(Those who were not worthy, the current religious leaders of Jesus' day, the Sanhedrin, the upper class, those that had their physical desires filled, who could not hear Jesus' message. The servants go into the field to round up the bad and the good, the Jew and GENTILE alike!)

<sup>11</sup>"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. <sup>12</sup>And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen."

(Those who had no formal clothing, the fake Christians, those who were not the robes of the Christ, dipped in blood, those that claim Grace where there has been none given as shown by their lives.)

**We Accept the Substitute for we know what God has done for us.**

Family right now in light of Zephaniah's words here's where we stand. We come as a Silenced Guest, there is nothing else to be said, and here's what you must determine for yourself. Will you accept the penalty and be a part of God's vengeful sacrifice, or will you accept His substitute in your place?

**Encouragement:** You see we all share in a problem this morning; the world loves to tell us that we have already been laid out as a sacrifice. That in our lives there is needles suffering, that if we just go the way of the world and how it operates then things will work out for us. The world tells us to accept its' answers; to pursue temporary enjoyment, to take advantage of all situations for your good, to look out for number 1 yourself, do unto others before they do unto you. It is an anti-Christ message friends.



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Paul tells us rather, *"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as **a living sacrifice**, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."* – Rom 12:1. Our lives are being conformed into the image of Christ, of the one who gave up His life so that we may know eternal life, and one day these momentary trials will be nothing more than tear stains left on our cheeks for our Savior WILL dry all our eyes.

**[CALL TO OBEY]**

**1) We worship/adore God by singing His praises.**

We remind each other in this room just how good they have it. You remind each other, with grace and charity, that ALL have a cross to bear, that ALL will have tears, and that ALL will be comforted by Christ Himself! Then when we come together, we sing His praises, we pray in His name, we extol the mercies of our King, and we tell the stories of how He has been so good to us.

**2) We repent and Confess through continuous relationships.**

This is where the rubber meets the road. Many so-called Christians fall away because they neglect the habit of meeting together. For some of us we need to take to heart that if you don't have friends in this room, people you spend time with outside these four walls, then you have no earthly reason to fight sin, no one calls you out, and no one offers help. Confessing among the family means allowing the body to correct you when you need it. The Spirit talks to all believers, so yes, the Spirit of Christ will use those in here to talk to you.

**3) We accept the Substitute by the practice of the Lord's Supper.**

Even though we experience weekly the Lord's Supper together it should never come across as mundane, repetitive, nor light. It is the picture of the Father's prepared sacrifice for His people. For those that partake of it you claim by faith that God has invited you as a consecrated guest, set apart to receive a substitute for your sins. You relish in it, you thank God for it, and by accepting it, your life should display the glory of it. Preach it to your children and loved



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ones by your continuous display of a contrite heart as someone who has received something they did not deserve. Then live refreshed every week by the strength you have received from Him again.

**MP**

***Come as a Silenced Guest and  
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**Charge:** Family may we all live in the awe of the love of God poured out for us, may we all warn those we care about of the impending judgment to come, and may we spend our days NOT getting caught up in the suffering of the moment, but reminding one another of the glorious day of the Lord to come.

**Prayer**

**Communion**

**Mark 14:22-25 ESV**

**Institution of the Lord's Supper**

<sup>22</sup> And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." <sup>23</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. <sup>24</sup> And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup> Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Today when you eat of the bread remember the life of Jesus which was lived for us. As our substitute Jesus lived the life as a totally devoted follower of God, not just in word, but in deed. He lived a life of observing all the sacrifices and offerings, obviously not as a substitute for His sin, but in light of celebrating those things knowing it all pointed to Him. Even upon His full knowledge of His future He never neglected His role, as prophet, priest, or King. All praise to our Savior our Christ, who loved God with perfect submission and loves His people with perfect substitution.



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Today when you drink the juice remember the cost of our sin displayed by His blood for the new covenant. When we partake of this cup, we are claiming that Jesus gave His blood as a substitute for the needed sacrifice which our sins cry out for. His blood of this new covenant made with God forever secures us in the family, forever restores our right standing, and shall reunite us with our Lord on the glorious day when all our tears are dried! Thanks be to our Lord for His eternal sacrificial love!

**[CONFESSION OF FAITH]**

\* The Congregation will stand

Elder – **“Christians, what do we believe?”** Congregation – recites:  
**LBCF 1689 Chapter 32. Of the Last Judgment. Paragraph 1. The Day of Judgment.**

God has appointed a day when he will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ. 1 Jesus is given all power and judgment by the Father. On this day, not only will the apostate angels be judged, 2 but all people who have ever lived on the earth will appear before the judgment seat of Christ to give an account of their thoughts, words, and deeds. They will receive according to what they have done in the body, whether good or evil. 3

1. Acts 17:31; John 5:22, 27

2. 1 Corinthians 6:3; Jude 6

3. 2 Corinthians 5:10; Ecclesiastes 12:14; Matthew 12:36; Romans 14:10, 12; Matthew 25:32-46

**[OFFERING+LAST SONG]**

**[BENEDICTION]**

Go in the name of the Father, that has prepared the sacrifice of the Son for us, so that we may be saved.



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Go in the name of the Son, that gave Himself for us freely as the only acceptable substitute for the wages of our sins.

Go in the name of and power of the HS, that opens our eyes and silences our protests against God, but also empowers our confession and repentance, now go share the good news of Jesus' intervening love!



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**[FELLOWSHIP CONVERSATIONS]**

- 1) Two Silences: Judgment or Awe  
Read Zephaniah 1:7; Habakkuk 2:20; Revelation 8:1. How does Scripture distinguish the silence of condemnation from the silence of worshipful awe? Where should reverent silence show up our corporate worship and family worship this week?
  
- 2) Ending Syncretism: Diagnosing Modern Idols  
Read Zephaniah 1:-6; Matthew 6: John 5. Where are we tempted to “the LORD and...” (career, comfort politics, screens, approval)? What concrete acts of repentance and replacement (new habits of worship/obedience) can we practice right now?
  
- 3) Substitute or Sinner: The Prepared Sacrifice  
Read Isaiah 53:4-; 10:10-14. How does Christ’s once-for-all sacrifice transform the “Day of the LORD” from terror into comfort for believers? How should the Lord’s Supper (1 Corinthians 11:26) deepen both our assurance and our pursuit of holiness (Romans 12:1-2)?
  
- 4) Two Feasts: Warning and Welcome  
Revelation 19:17-21, -9. do “great supper of God” (judgment) and the “wedding supper of the Lamb” (joy) shape our evangelism—both our tone (sobriety and our (will we pray for, invite to a meal, to church this month?
  
- 5) Suffering as a Sign  
Philippians 1:27-29; Zephaniah 3:18. Where is your household facing pressure or suffering for obedience to Christ? What would steadfast, quiet faithfulness look like this week, and how can our group help—prayer accountability tangible support?



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