

The Prayer of Judgement

C. The Way out of a Destructive Famine (Joel 1:13 - 2:17)

1. Prepare Yourself (Joel 1:13) Gird up

13 Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests: howl, ye ministers of the altar: come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God: for the meat offering and the drink offering is withholden from the house of your God.

2. Purify Yourself (Joel 1:14a) Sanctify

14a Sanctify(dedicate to purify) ye a fast...

3. Pray (Joel 1:14b – 2:17) Cry unto the Lord

14b ...call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the LORD your God, and cry unto the LORD,

The Prayer

a. Recognize what is _____

15 Alas for the day! for the day of **the LORD is at hand**, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

b. Realize that the _____ is gone

16 Is not **the meat**(_____) **cut off** before our eyes, yea, **joy and gladness** from the house of our God?

17 **The seed is rotten**(_____) under their clods, the **garners are laid desolate**(_____), the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered.

18 How do the beasts **groan**(_____)! **the herds of cattle are perplexed**(_____ up), because they have no pasture; yea, the **flocks of sheep are made desolate**(_____).

19 O LORD, **to thee will I cry**: for **the fire hath devoured the pastures** of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field.

20 The **beasts of the field cry** also unto thee: for the rivers of waters are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

Psalms 22:1-3

1 My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.

3 But thou art holy, **O thou that inhabitest**(_____, **inhabit**) **the praises of Israel**.

c. Administer the _____ – (The Day of the Lord is _____)

1. Get everyone onboard (_____!)

Joel 2:1-17

1 **Blow ye the trumpet** in Zion, and **sound an alarm** in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for **the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand**;

a). _____

2 A day of darkness and of **gloominess**, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.

3 **A fire devoureth before them**; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them.

- 4 The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run.
 5 Like **the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap**, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.
 6 Before their face the people shall be much pained: **all faces shall gather blackness.**

b). Run like a _____

- 7 They shall **run** like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:
 8 Neither shall one thrust another; they **shall walk every one in his path**: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded.
 9 They shall **run** to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; **they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.**

c). _____

- 10 The **earth shall quake** before them; the **heavens shall tremble**: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:
 11 And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for **he is strong that executeth his word**: for **the day of the LORD** is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

2. _____ to Him

a). With _____

- 12 Therefore also now, saith the LORD, **turn** ye even to me with all your heart, and with **fasting**,

b). With _____

and with **weeping**,

c). With _____

and with **mourning**:

13 AND REND YOUR HEART, AND NOT YOUR GARMENTS, AND TURN UNTO THE LORD YOUR GOD: FOR HE IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL, SLOW TO ANGER, AND OF GREAT KINDNESS, AND REPENTETH HIM OF THE EVIL.

- 14 Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and **LEAVE A BLESSING BEHIND HIM**; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God?

3. What to do Next

a). _____

- 15 Blow the trumpet in Zion,

b). _____

sanctify a fast,

c). _____

call a solemn assembly:

16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

17 Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?