

Providence Reformed Baptist Church – Sunday, October 22, 2023

Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew

Message 108. “You Were Not Willing” – Matthew 23:37-39

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Introduction: Jesus laments over Israel’s rejection of God’s blessings and their rebellion against His Word. It gives him no pleasure to pronounce these judgments, and in the midst of the proclamation of ruin we find hope for a remnant.

- I. Jerusalem, Jerusalem – vs. 37a
 - A. Double – Luke 10:41; 22:31; Acts 9:4
 - B. City of Peace
 - 1. Hypocrites
 - 2. Murder the Prophets
- II. I Wanted to Gather You – vs. 37b
 - A. A Lament – Luke 19:41-44
 - B. Come to Me for Cover – Psa. 36:7; Matt. 11:28-29
- III. You Were not Willing – vs. 37c
 - A. Divine Sovereignty – Rom. 9:14-18
 - B. Human Responsibility – Isa. 30:15; John 1:11
- IV. Your House is Desolate – vs. 38
 - A. My House – Matt. 21:13
 - B. Your House
 - 1. Desolate – Ichabod – the glory departed – 1 Sam. 4:20-22; Ezek. 10:18-19
 - 2. The Lampstand Removed – Rev. 1:20; 2:5
 - 3. An Uninhabited House – Jer. 12:7; 26:6; 1 Kings 9:6-9
- V. Until... - vs. 39
 - A. You Will See Me No More
 - 1. Jesus didn’t appear to anyone but disciples after the resurrection (CHS)
 - 2. This is a conditional statement
 - B. Will Israel Welcome Jesus as the Messiah? – Psa. 118:26 vs. Matt. 27:22-26
 - 1. Future - Romans 11:7-12, 25-32; Zechariah 12:8-10
 - 2. Present – A Remnant – Rom. 9:27; Isa. 10:22; Jer. 23:3; Ezek. 6:8; Zech. 8:12

Cross References

Luke 10:41

41 And Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things.

Luke 22:31

31 And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat.

Acts 9:4

4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?”

Luke 19:41-44

41 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

Psalm 36:7

7 How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings.

Matthew 11:28-29

28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Romans 9:14-18

14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? Certainly not! 15 For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion." 16 So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy. 17 For the Scripture says to the Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth." 18 Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens.

Isaiah 30:15

15 For thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: "In returning and rest you shall be saved; In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." But you would not,

John 1:11

11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

Matthew 21:13

13 And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.' "

1 Samuel 4:20-22

20 And about the time of her death the women who stood by her said to her, "Do not fear, for you have borne a son." But she did not answer, nor did she regard it. 21 Then she named the child Ichabod, saying, "The glory has departed from Israel!" because the ark of God had been captured and because of her father-in-law and her husband. 22 And she said, "The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured."

Ezekiel 10:18-19

18 Then the glory of the Lord departed from the threshold of the temple and stood over the cherubim. 19 And the cherubim lifted their wings and mounted up from the earth in my sight. When they went out, the wheels were beside them; and they stood at the door of the east gate of the Lord's house, and the glory of the God of Israel was above them.

Revelation 1:20

20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

Revelation 2:5

5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.

Jeremiah 12:7

7 “I have forsaken My house, I have left My heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of My soul into the hand of her enemies.

Jeremiah 26:6

6 then I will make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.” ’ ”

1 Kings 9:6-9

6 But if you or your sons at all turn from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them, 7 then I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them; and this house which I have consecrated for My name I will cast out of My sight. Israel will be a proverb and a byword among all peoples. 8 And as for this house, which is exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and will hiss, and say, ‘Why has the Lord done thus to this land and to this house?’ 9 Then they will answer, ‘Because they forsook the Lord their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have embraced other gods, and worshiped them and served them; therefore the Lord has brought all this calamity on them.’ ”

Psalms 118:26

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.

Matthew 27:22-26

22 Pilate said to them, “What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said to him, “Let Him be crucified!” 23 Then the governor said, “Why, what evil has He done?” But they cried out all the more, saying, “Let Him be crucified!” 24 When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, “I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see to it.” 25 And all the people answered and said, “His blood be on us and on our children.” 26 Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.

Romans 11:7-12

7 What then? Israel has not obtained what it seeks; but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded. 8 Just as it is written: “God has given them a spirit of stupor, Eyes that they should not see And ears that they should not hear, To this very day.” 9 And David says: “Let their table become a snare and a trap, A stumbling block and a recompense to them. 10 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see, And bow down their back always.” 11 I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles. 12 Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!

Romans 11:25-32

25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: “The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; 27 For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins.” 28 Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, 31 even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy. 32 For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all.

Zechariah 12:8-10

8 In that day the Lord will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of the Lord before them. 9 It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. 10 “And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

Romans 9:27

27 Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel: “Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, The remnant will be saved.

Isaiah 10:22

22 For though your people, O Israel, be as the sand of the sea, A remnant of them will return; The destruction decreed shall overflow with righteousness.

Jeremiah 23:3

3 “But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

Ezekiel 6:8

8 “Yet I will leave a remnant, so that you may have some who escape the sword among the nations, when you are scattered through the countries.

Zechariah 8:12

12 ‘For the seed shall be prosperous, The vine shall give its fruit, The ground shall give her increase, And the heavens shall give their dew— I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these.