

**Joel 2 – A Gracious and Merciful Reversal**  
**Sunday Evening – 16 December 2018**  
**Sermon Outline**

**Introduction / Review**

- Joel is a covenant \_\_\_\_\_
- The curse sanctions have been \_\_\_\_\_

**The Judgment of the LORD ~**

Yahweh himself is the \_\_\_\_\_ / the sounder of the alarm

- The Day of the LORD is one of \_\_\_\_\_ (and surprising salvation)
  - o The LORD coming in the ‘cool of the day’ in Eden was \_\_\_\_\_ (and surprising salvation)
  - o The father – *He who is, and who was, and is* \_\_\_\_\_
  - o The Son – *Behold, I am* \_\_\_\_\_ *soon – bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done* (Rev 22:12)

The horror of the Day of the LORD – what justice demands / what \_\_\_\_\_ deserves

The Promised Land is \_\_\_\_\_

The People are \_\_\_\_\_

The Nation is \_\_\_\_\_

**The Call of the LORD ~**

*“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments”* (Joel 2:12)

- In other words – There is still time – it is not too \_\_\_\_\_

Return to the LORD your God – Why? On what basis or grounds?

- *For he is* \_\_\_\_\_ *and* \_\_\_\_\_, *slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster* (Joel 2:12)

Hope is held out . . . a way of \_\_\_\_\_

Repent

- Turn FROM \_\_\_\_\_
- Turn TO the \_\_\_\_\_
- About Face!

Covenant Renewal Ceremony involving the whole community

- Call a solemn assembly – gather the people (Joel 2:15)
  - o Assemble the \_\_\_\_\_
  - o Gather the \_\_\_\_\_
  - o Even the \_\_\_\_\_ infant

### **The Salvation of the LORD ~**

*Then the LORD became jealous for his land and had \_\_\_\_\_ on his people (Joel 2:18)*

- Pity = a compassion that spares \_\_\_\_\_ to help / rescue / save

Reversal of Fortunes (Joel 2:19ff)

- Behold, I am sending you grain, wine, and \_\_\_\_\_
- I will remove your \_\_\_\_\_ from before you
- Threshing floors full of grain
- Wine and Oil vats overflowing / abundance

The Promise of the Outpouring of the Holy \_\_\_\_\_

- A promise / preview of \_\_\_\_\_

New Covenant Reality – I will put my \_\_\_\_\_ within you

- I will give you a new \_\_\_\_\_
- Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 36:26-27; and Romans 2:29

We participate in a Covenantal Renewal Ceremony every week (twice)

- Come . . . Hear . . . Repent / Believe . . . Taste and See that the Lord is good . . .  
Blessing
- Something is happening – judgment and salvation

### **Questions for Family Worship / Follow-Up ~**

Why was the LORD angry with his people?

What does it mean for God to be gracious and merciful?

How has God manifested / demonstrated that he is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love?

What covenant is God ‘renewing’ with us every week? How do the various elements of worship play a part in this ceremony?

- God’s Call to Worship / God’s Greeting / Reading of the Law / Confession of Sin / Proclamation of the Gospel / Declaration of Pardon / Sermon / The Lord’s Supper / Benediction