

Comfort in God

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His Presence, Our Comfort

Psalm 97

Main Idea: God's presence before mankind is either a dreaded nightmare or one of comforting salvation.

1. The Lord's Presence

- We must view God rightly.

- God's presence is simply awesome and should cause fear and trembling.

2. Human Response - 2 Categories

- Those who do not know God
 - Jesus is better.

- Those who know God in faith
 - God's final judgment should comfort the believer.

3 Responses:

1. We should hate evil. — v. 10
2. We should be lights in the world. — v. 11
3. We should praise God in our waiting. — v. 12

Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.** The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. What evidences of grace have you seen since we last met?
2. What stuck out to you from the sermon Sunday?
3. Would you say that your personal view of God is biblically accurate? Why or why not?
4. Why is it important that we view God rightly?
5. While the psalm dresses unbelievers in their idolatry, what are some idols that you can be tempted by? How are you fighting against those things?
6. Why should the judgement of God comfort the believer?
7. What are some ways that you or your group can practically hate evil, be a light in the world, and praise God while you wait for his return? Think of what you can do here in Rapid City!
8. What sin did the Holy Spirit convict you of in this sermon?
9. How were you encouraged by this passage?
10. How does this passage connect to or inform our understanding of the gospel?