

30-October-2022 | Discussion Questions
Share the Life in Vision | Obadiah | Pr. Wallace Ong

1. Read Obadiah 1:1-11
 - a. In what sense will Edom be made small among the nations (verse 3); Why will she be utterly despised?
 - b. According to verses 3, 10 & 11 of Obadiah, what are the reasons for Edom's downfall?
 - c. What can you learn from these verses?
 - d. What is the reason God punish Edom according to verse 11?
 - e. Compare verse 11 to Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37. What lessons can you learn in these verses?
 - f. How can you apply in your life today?
2. Read Obadiah 1:12-14
 - a. Make a list of all the "You should not" statements in verses 12-14; and write a short explanation of each one.
 - b. How might we be guilty in our day of "gloating" over someone else's misfortune (vv 12-13)?
3. Read Obadiah 1:15
 - a. How can realization "the day of the Lord" in verse 15 impact you?
 - b. In verse 15 "As you have done, it shall be done to you" and "your deeds shall return on your own head". How can it teach you about God's justice?
 - c. How does knowing God's justice change the way you live?

(The New Testament calls it a day of “wrath,” a day of “visitation,” and the “great day of God Almighty” (Revelation 6:17) and refers to a still future fulfilment when God’s wrath is poured out on unbelieving Israel (Jeremiah 30:1-17; Joel 1-2;) and on the unbelieving world (Zechariah 14). The Scriptures indicate that “the day of the Lord” will come quickly, like a thief in the night (Zephaniah 1:14-15; 1 Thessalonians 5:2, 2 Peter 3:10, Matthew 24:43), and therefore Christians must be watchful and ready for the coming of Christ at any moment. The final outcome of the day of the Lord will be that “the arrogance of man will be brought low and the pride of men humbled; the Lord alone will be exalted in that day” (Isaiah 2:17). The ultimate or final fulfilment of the prophecies concerning the day of the Lord will come at the end of history when God, with wondrous power, will punish evil and fulfil all His promises.)

4. Read Obadiah 1:16-18

- a. Verse 16 & 18 references to “drinking” and “swallowing” meant to drink the cup of God’s wrath and reveal God’s declaration of judgement (also Malachi 1:1-5). What do you think regarding God’s Judgement on Edom?
- b. Should God warning be taken lightly?
- c. What lessons can we learn from these verses?

5. Read Obadiah 1:15-21.

- a. Who are “those who escape” in verse 17, and what do they escape from?
- b. What “inheritance” will Jacob possess (v.17; 19-21)? Why is this important for us to know? (Attention is shifted toward the descendants of Jacob, and reveal God’s promise of restoration)
- c. From Obadiah and 1 John 4. How should we treat our brothers?
- d. How can you have confidence on the day of judgement?

e. Do you love like Jesus?

(In this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.)
[If we say we believe in Jesus, we will love God and love others, because God is love, if we live in love, we live in God and God in us. Then our love will make perfect in Him. *We love because he first loved us* - Love is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. It is not the product of our hard work for God. It is fruit! Trust and obey, submit and believe in the Holy Spirit through the leading of His Word in the bible.

Read 1 John 4:16-21 “...God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.”

f. How can the message of Obadiah bring comfort to believers today (vv 17-21)?

**** Pray for one another ****