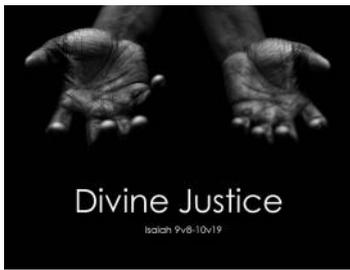


Sunday April 23rd 2017



Divine Justice

Isaiah 9v8-10v19

●When anger is right

●Learn from your sister?

●The death of Israel

⇒Pride—9v8-12

⇒ **Wayward leaders—9v13-17**

⇒ **Mutual exploitation—9v18-21**

⇒ **Unprincipled rule destroys—10v1-4**

● **God's measured anger**

'God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts...to shameful lusts...to a depraved mind' Romans 1v24, 26 & 28

● **Judgement...the household of God first**

'Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance? But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgement will be revealed.' Romans 2v4-5

- **God's divine justice**

⇒ **God's weapon of choice—10v5-6**

⇒ **God's hatred of pride—10v17-19**

- **Sovereignty and Responsibility**

- **Empty Hands**

Conversation starter:

Do we really believe in 'justice'?

Growth group questions

You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at <http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.

- Though not necessarily hard to understand, these are hard verses to hear. Why is that?
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- What makes anger 'right' in some circumstances? Who decides when it is right?
- What things do we see God being angry about in these verses (look through the whole section). Where do we see these things in our world, in the wider church or in our own church?
- How should we respond to God's evident anger at these things? Do we? If Judah was to learn from her 'sister' Israel, how about us?
- How does God's dealing with Assyria for their actions against Israel help us to understand God's sovereignty. (Does it, and if so how?)
- If we are Christians we are holy, made right with God but we are also saved sinners. What place should repentance have in our walk with God?
- Are you please that there is ultimately divine justice in God? Why

Pray that we would be soft hearted and humble people towards God and others