

Discussion Guide: Obadiah - Part 3

Let us examine the Scriptures like the Bereans who "received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true." Acts 17:11 (NIV)

January 25, 2004: "Obadiah - Part 3" by Pastor Kimber Kauffman, Senior Pastor College Park Church. Pastor concluded his three-part series on the book of Obadiah...God's judgment on the Edomites with a message on Obadiah 15-21 which describes God's judgment and the redemption of Judah. He then led us through various scriptures in the New Testament which build upon the applications we can draw from God's word on the way God works to bring all things together for the good of his people (Romans 8:28), and what God expects of those who follow him.

Application Discussion

Here are six insights, Pastor presented, that are great discussion points for application.

1. In what ways have you seen God test your faith and/or bring discipline into your life as he allowed people to fail you, deceive you, betray you, and unfairly accuse you? As you reflect back on these situations, how have you seen the hand of God at work in your life as you dwelt with such situations? What have been the results?
2. According to scripture, faith realizes that it is not our job to exact vindication. In what ways have you seen this at work in your life? What have been the results when you gave room for God to repay and backed off the situation and placed it in the Lord's hands? What were the results when you prayed for them (not that God would give it to them, but that God would bless them, or perhaps bring them to a saving knowledge of Christ, etc.)?
3. What examples can you share of how God has sent someone, or something, into your life as an encouragement while going through a trial in your life? An encouragement that came at just the right time and as you look back on it was heaven sent.
4. What examples can you share of the times when you have willingly listened to critics (as David did in 2 Samuel) even those that seem to be "ranting and raving lunatics" or "very bitter people who have most of it wrong?" Did you see this as brought on by God for a purpose in your life? What can we draw from this in application to our lives when such things occur?
5. How has your acceptance of the Biblical truth that "If God is for us, who can be against us" affected your life? What examples can you share from your life experiences in which this has had an impact on the way you approached situations?
6. Have you come to the point, as King David and the Apostles of Christ came to, in realizing that God is at work in our lives and sometimes that means disciplining us to develop our character and to become more like Christ? What examples can you share of how this has played out in your life?

Remember, He that began a good work in us will complete it (Phil 1:6) and we have a reservation...a living hope that compels us to live our lives for Christ (1 Peter 1:3-5).