

Introduction:

- *"Say to those who have an anxious heart, **'Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.'**" Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;"* (Isaiah 35:4-6, ESV)
- Two Times Isaiah declares: *"Your God will come! He will come and save you!"*
- January 18th I had a dream...I wish I could tell you what I dreamed but I cant remember. What I do remember was waking up from the dream and knowing that Ps 94 was important. I actually got up and read it. It is to long to read at this time but what stood out to me in that Psalm was verses 1, 14-19.
- *"O Lord, **God of vengeance**, O God of vengeance, shine forth!"* (Psalm 94:1, ESV)
- *"For **the Lord will not forsake** his people; he will not abandon his heritage; for justice will return to the righteous, and all the upright in heart will follow it. ... If the Lord had not been my help, my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence. When I thought, **'My foot slips,' your steadfast love, O Lord, held me up.** When the cares of my heart are many, **your consolations cheer my soul.**"* (Psalm 94:14-19, ESV)
- The take away: He is a God of vengeance who will not forsake me. His covenant love holds me up and His consolations cheer my soul.

I. God Will Come**A. He will come!**

1. Don't fear! Be strong! Notice healing follows the coming of God. Is 35:5-7.
2. "God will come!" is one of the most hope filled sentences in the Bible!
 - a) Most of the time when it is spoken in scripture and in our daily lives it has to do with crisis or the thought that there is no way out unless God comes.
 - b) It is a faith filled statement. Those who have no faith to face the crisis will not speak those words. Say with me, "God will come!"
 - c) Hebrew - *abo* - *"to arrive, enter, to go into."* TWOT.
 - (1) God will arrive! God will enter! And God will go in. God will arrive on the scene... but He is not a reporter who arrives to report. He arrives to do business!
 - (2) God will enter. He is not to stand on the outside of the scene. He enters the fight!
 - (3) God will go into it and He will fight for us! Say with me, "God will come!"
 - d) That He will come is not just for our enemy to encounter God but for us to encounter Him! These are the things that create testimony in our lives.

B. He will come and save. It is one thing for God to come. But He is not there just to show up. He comes with purpose! He comes to save!

1. The Hebrew for 'save' - *yada* - *to make wide, or to make sufficient! The connotation is freedom from distress with access to many options!* TWOT. NT word for save means: healing, deliverance, life, salvation etc.
 - a) When you are dying you do not have many options. There is no freedom to dream or

choices to pursue.

- b) But when God comes, you live! When you live you have options!
 - c) When you are sick, that is a limited form of dying. Your options greatly diminish when you are sick. Limitations come. God wants us well! He want us in the realm of 'all things are possible! Say it with me, "He will come...and save us!"
 - d) This is one reason why healing is found in the cross of calvary. Jesus was dying to take limitations off of us! By His stripes we were healed. *"Every place where I cause my name to be honored in your worship, I'll be there myself and bless you."* Peterson, E. H. (2005). The Message (Ex 20:24). NavPress.
- C. He will not forsake me! Ps 94:14
- 1. He will not leave me!
 - 2. He will not abandon me! "Hear my cry Oh Lord attend unto my prayer." Ps 61:1

II. He Will Come With Vengeance

- A. Point number one establishes that He will come. The second point deals with how He comes. I love this side of God! There is nothing calm, passive, or apathetic about a God who comes with vengeance. In other words He is coming to make the wrongs rights!
- 1. I want to spend a little time with this word. *"It expresses a truth that is theologically important, but greatly misunderstood."* Smick, E. B. (1999). In R. L. Harris, G. L. Archer Jr., & B. K. Waltke (Eds.), *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament* (electronic ed., p. 598). Moody Press.
 - 2. At first it would seem that vengeance and revenge should have no part with a God of love. But divine vengeance has to be understood in light of the OT teaching on holiness and justice. *"Balanced as it is by the mercy of God, divine vengeance is seen to be a necessary aspect of the history of redemption."* Ibid.
- B. Most of the uses of the Hebrew word, 'naqam' as found in the OT have to do with God and not man.
- 1. *"Vengeance is mine, and recompense, for the time when their foot shall slip; for the day of their calamity is at hand, and their doom comes swiftly."* (Deuteronomy 32:35, ESV)
 - 2. *"if I sharpen my flashing sword and my hand takes hold on judgment, I will take vengeance on my adversaries and will repay those who hate me."* (Deuteronomy 32:41, ESV)
 - 3. God cannot remain true to His character of holiness and justice if He does not repay sin and rebellion. NOTE: God is not being mean. It is just what happens when a holy God shows up next to sin...sin gets burned, every time! If good men of the Bible fell on their faces encountering a holy God think of what happens when unholy men encounter Him. IE. They go blind, Saul. (Acts) They get swallowed by the earth. (Nu 26:10 Sons of Korah) etc.
 - a) *"to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;"* (Isaiah 61:2, ESV)
 - b) *"For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and my year of redemption had come."* (Isaiah 63:4, ESV)
 - c) What I want you to see is that the vengeance of God can only be seen in the light of

His mercy. Vengeance vs. comfort; vengeance vs. redemption. "God's vengeance must never be viewed apart from his purpose to show mercy. He is not only the God of wrath, but must be the God of wrath in order for his mercy to have meaning." Smick, E. B. (1999). [1413 dpj](#). In R. L. Harris, G. L. Archer Jr., & B. K. Waltke (Eds.), *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament* (electronic ed., p. 599). Moody Press.

- d) Apart from God, the focus of the OT is not on God's vengeance but it is on His acts of mercy!
- C. Two ways that God takes vengeance as seen in the OT:
 - 1. First, He avenges His people by becoming our champion. Jer 20:11 The Lord is our dread champion! NASB
 - a) We are the apple of His eye!
 - b) We are His anointed. Ps 105:15 Touch not God's anointed. Has to do with His children...all of them.
 - 2. Second, as the God of covenant He punishes the covenant breakers. Lev 26:24-ff
 - 3. We are never to use vengeance as a way of dealing with our, unforgiveness, bitterness and internal pain. Jesus said, "Love your enemies, honor your parents, love your neighbors.
- D. When you are sick see the God who comes with vengeance! The cross was violent in dealing with our sin! Our Christ is violent in dealing with our sicknesses. By His stripes we were healed! God is not playing around with our sicknesses! Believe church! Believe!

III. What He Comes With

- A. *"For the Lord will not forsake his people; he will not abandon his heritage;"* (Psalm 94:14, ESV)
"Who rises up for me against the wicked? Who stands up for me against evildoers? If the Lord had not been my help, my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence. When I thought, 'My foot slips,' your steadfast love, O Lord, held me up. When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul." (Psalm 94:16-19, ESV)
- B. The Lord will not forsake his people. Say with me, **"The Lord will not forsake me!"**
 - 1. God will not abandon his people. God will come and save!
 - 2. God will not leave us alone. God will come!
 - 3. We must be aware as to not entertain accusation of the devil:
 - a) God does not love you.
 - b) God will not heal you. You have not lived holy enough to be healed.
 - c) *Why has God forsaken me?* That is a lie!
- C. God comes with:
 - 1. He rises up for me! Against the wicked, sickness, depression.
 - 2. He stands up for me! Against evil doers...spirit of infirmity.
 - 3. He comes to me with steadfast love! And He held me up!
 - a) loyal love
 - b) He comes to me with consolations! And I am cheered up!
 - c) Consolations - hope! The Hebrew word means to breath heavily with emotion.

- d) God gets excited to help us!
4. *"If the Lord had not been my help, my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence."*
Psalm 94:17
5. **IF** the Lord had not been my help I would have died...started living in the land of silence.

Conclusion:

- I want you to see that God has come and continues to come to us and save us!
- I want you to see that God comes with fire in His eyes and in His heart for us!
- I want you to see that God will save you! Heal you! Deliver you!