

# Sermon Study Questions

**Sunday, July 30, 2023**

1. Read Joel 3:1-21
2. Who was Marcion and what was the main heresy he spread? How does this tie into Joel ch.3?
3. Joel speaks about God judging the nations in the Valley of Jehoshaphat. What does that refer to? Also, what is the Valley of Decision referring to?
4. We learn four things about God's judgment in this chapter. The first is the basis of His judgment, of which he points to two things – the way someone treats His people and the way they treat children. Why is it that God can look at these things and judge them based upon them?
5. How do you reconcile the fact that God is saying He will judge people based upon these "works" when salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone?
6. We also learn that God's judgment is righteous. What is meant by that?
7. Throughout this passage we see that God's judgment is certain, meaning it will eventually come. How is it that you as a Christian should respond to this truth? Read 2 Peter 3:8-13. For further reading, look up and the last chapter of the Westminster Confession of Faith to see how the Confession answers this question.
8. What is the glorious outcome of God's judgment? Where do we see this described in our text?
9. What practical application can you make from this text/sermon?
10. Pray!