



Big Idea: Final justice is coming at the second coming of Christ.

1.) Final justice is CERTAIN (v. 1a).

- In response to their unsettling circumstances, God's people began to accuse Him of injustice.
- The prevalence and apparent prestige of unrighteousness in our world could make a person wonder if God is, in fact, just.
- Although justice may be delayed or corrupted in this life, divine justice is utterly inescapable (2 Cor. 5:10, Heb. 9:27, Rev. 20:11-15).

2.) Final justice is SEVERE (v. 1b).

- In the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, God previews the judgment that will come when Christ comes again (Gen. 19:24, Psalm 11:5-7).
- God's punishment is severe because SIN is severe, and justice demands that the punishment fit the crime (Isaiah 6:1-5, Matthew 28:4, Revelation 1:17, Exodus 15:11).
- To say that our sins against God are not that bad is to say that His holiness is not that special.
- Because God is inconceivably holy, our sins are inconceivably treacherous and, therefore, eminently worthy of severe punishment.

3.) Final justice is **SWIFT** (v. 1c).

- On the great and glorious Day of the Lord, evildoers and arrogant souls will have nothing left to hold on to.
- *Is your love of sin so great that you are content with the horrific **REWARD** that it brings?*
- Whether we like it or not, by our own words and actions, each of us has justly earned the torment of eternal hell (Romans 1:29-31).

4.) Final justice is **SETTLED** (v. 2a).

- The “*Sun of righteousness*” who “*shall rise with healing in His wings*” is a reference to the coming Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 1:76-79).
- As a mother hen spreads her wings over her chicks, the righteousness of Christ will **COVER** everyone who trusts in Him (Rom. 3:20-26).
- Because Christ bore our sin, God is both just (sin is justly punished in Christ) and the justifier (Christ frees us from the wrath we deserve).

5.) Final justice is **SWEET** (v. 2b).

- Freed from every stain and sorrow of sin, we will leap with the freedom and joy of a newborn calf released from its stall.
- All glory, honor, and praise be to our Lord Jesus Christ in whom justice is forever sweet!

- Christ is coming again. It could be today. Are you ready?