

Obadiah 2-14

The Hurt

1. Judgement of Esau 2-4

A. You Might Be Favored Now 2
The Humbling

B. Addressing Pride 3, 4
Talk about Holding a Grudge

“Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted. And Esau said to Jacob, “Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!” (Therefore his name was called Edom.) Jacob said, “Sell me your birthright now.” Esau said, “I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?” Jacob said, “Swear to me now.” So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.”

Genesis 25:29-34 ESV

“Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.” Hebrews 12:14-17 ESV

“And the border of the Amorites ran from the ascent of Akrabbim, from Sela and upward.” -Judges 1:36 ESV

“He struck down ten thousand Edomites in the Valley of Salt and took Sela by storm, and called it Joktheel, which is its name to this day.” -2 Kings 14:7 ESV

The Lord through the prophet says that their heart attitude is just like the rocks that they live in.

C. Humility Month
“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”
Philippians 2:3-8 ESV

“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” -Philippians 2:9-11 ESV

No one gets a pass here

2. The Lament Over Esau 5-9

A. A Literal Dirge for Esau 5-7

“In that day the remnant of Israel and the survivors of the house of Jacob will no more lean on him who struck them, but will lean on the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. A remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God. For though your people Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will return. Destruction is decreed, overflowing with righteousness.”
Isaiah 10:20-22 ESV

-Treasures are gone

-Their very allies will come against them

-The deception is set like a trap. They eat bread together and yet they will deceive them.

B. Judgement is Coming 8, 9

Geography-Teman was representative of the entire country. Mount Esau was representative of the place of influence in Edom.

Wise

Mighty men

Every man

3. God Rewinds the Tape 10-14

A. Esau Was Passive/ Uncaring 10, 11

“That day” =destruction of Jerusalem 587 BC

B. God plays back the video 12-14

Celebrating the demise of Judah (12) -

“Remember, O Lord, against the Edomites the day of Jerusalem, how they said, “Lay it bare, lay it bare, down to its foundations!”” -Psalm 137:7 ESV

Looting The Wealth of Judah(13)

Rounding Up Israelites for Babylon (14)

C. God sees every hurt

Two Lies Believed Today

1. God Does not Judge

2. God Does not Care about your hurt

“My argument against God was that the universe seemed so cruel and unjust. But how had I got this idea of just and unjust? A man does not call a line crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line. What was I comparing this universe with when I called it unjust?” CS Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

“But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.” -Amos 5:24 ESV

“For I the Lord love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.”
Isaiah 61:8 ESV

“For we know him who said, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay.” And again, “The Lord will judge his people.” It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” -Hebrews 10:30-31 ESV

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.”- Romans 3:23-26 ESV

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.” -1 Peter 5:6-7 ESV

“But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”” -Lamentations 3:21-24 ESV

“I looked a little at the presence of care in the world. It uses that word care, c-a-r-e. And of course, that means anxieties carried to the point of hidden fears, anxieties and fears, their care. Now, fears and anxieties have a reason for existing. Let us remember that.” AW Tozer, “Casting All Your Care Upon Him“

“And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.” -Acts 8:1-3 ESV

“You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book?” -Psalm 56:8 ESV

*Reflection: Does Jesus Care?
Does Jesus care when my heart is pained
Too deeply for mirth and song?
When the burdens press and the cares distress
And the way grows weary and long?*

*Does Jesus care when I've tried and failed
To resist some temptation strong?
When, for my deep grief, I find no relief
Though the tears flow all the night long?*

*Does Jesus care when I've said good-bye
To the dearest on earth to me?
And my sad heart aches till it nearly breaks
Is it felt by Him? Does He see?*

*Refrain: Oh yes, He cares, I know He cares
His heart is touched with my grief
When my days are weary, the long night is dreary
I know my Savior cares -J. Lincoln Hall / Frank E. Graeff*

Follow UP in the Word through the Week...

Monday: Genesis 25:29-34. As you read about this broken relationship, what other relationships have you personally witnessed that have taken on this kind of a grudge? How do you guard against this?

Tuesday: Hebrews 12:14-17. What practical advice is offered in dealing with bitterness and grudges in these verses? Have you been challenged to follow through on these directives in your life?

Wednesday: Philippians 2:3-8. How does Christ’s example of humility challenge you today? What ways do you need to call on Him to correct what lacks in humility in your life?

Thursday: Philippians 2:9-11. In what way is this terrific news? In what way is this bad news? How would you explain this to someone who may be demanding their own brand of “justice” in the present?

Friday: Romans 3:23-26. What insight do we find in these verses regarding God’s justice? What impact has that had on your life?

Saturday: Lamentations 3:21-24. As you read these words today, you read words recorded by a contemporary of Obadiah. With all the destruction he saw, he still was able to see who the LORD truly is. How can these verses help you keep perspective in your life as well?