

Before the God of Justice

“What wonder then that his majesty overpowers us and shatters!”

— Martin Luther

Sermon Questions

1. Who said, “Love God? Sometimes I hated him.” _____
2. According to Martin Luther, what is the greatest sin? _____
3. Justice is the upholding of the law—especially the condemnation of law breakers. (Yes/No)
4. Our task today is to consider how man can be _____ before a God of justice.
5. When was the last time you imagined yourself before the judgment seat of God? _____
6. We _____ God’s justice when we think that God will:
 - i. grade on a curve (he’ll be lenient because of the weakness of humanity);
 - ii. give us grace because we deserve it and he would be mean to withhold it;
 - iii. judge others (the bad people) but not judge us.
7. We’ll have the chance to explain our case and contend with God. (Yes/No)
8. When our God is _____, we think we can argue with him or overpower him.
9. What impresses you most about God’s power revealed in the world? _____
10. When we learn from science about the inner workings of our world:
 - i. We conclude that there is no need for God.
 - ii. We conclude that God is not all-powerful.
 - iii. We conclude that the God who made and upholds the world is all-wise and all-powerful.
 - iv. We conclude that lightning has nothing to do with God or his anger or justice.
11. It is in our weakness and hopelessness that we see _____.
12. If we have high view of God’s justice, we’ll have a high view of _____.

For lunch discussion:

How does God’s justice challenge us and comfort us?