

# DIVINE JUDGMENT and UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

## Sermon Questions

1. Many condemn God as a cruel tyrant or say he is an imaginary God because of his call to devote entire nations to destruction. (True/False)
2. List at least one common response by Christians seeking to defend God.  
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3. When we are embarrassed by God's word it means that \_\_\_\_\_ ethical standards *do not* match God's ethical standards.
4. List the four reasons given why God judged the Canaanite nations:
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. \_\_\_\_\_
  - iv. \_\_\_\_\_
5. To the sinful, this chapter is an inditement of God. To the righteous, this chapter is a vindication of God's \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Why did God choose Israel (and Christians today): \_\_\_\_\_
7. List at least one other passage the supports unconditional election: \_\_\_\_\_
8. List the two ways in which God's electing love is shown:
  - i. His loving \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. His loving \_\_\_\_\_
9. Holiness is not the basis of our election, but the \_\_\_\_\_ of it.
10. List our fitting response to God's electing love:
  - i. Be \_\_\_\_\_ and holy.
  - ii. Avoid \_\_\_\_\_ and worldliness.

## Discussion Questions

1. The sermon challenged us to see the Canaanite nations not primarily as ethnic groups, but as enemies of God due to their idolatry, sexual perversion, child sacrifice, and occult practices. In what ways does our culture today mirror some of these same “abominations”? How does this passage help us respond with both soberness about sin and confidence in God’s justice?
2. The Canaanites received justice for their sins, while Israel received grace they did not deserve. All of us deserve the same judgment because “the wages of sin is death.” How does remembering this contrast deepen your wonder at the cross, where Jesus took the judgment we deserved so we could receive mercy?
3. The sermon warned God’s people against intermarrying with unbelievers or adopting the practices of the surrounding nations, because it leads to idolatry and judgment. In practical terms, what does it look like today for Christians to avoid being “unequally yoked” in marriage, friendships, or cultural influences? How can we help one another stay faithful?
4. Because God has loved us, chosen us, and redeemed us, we are called to love him in return by keeping his commands and looking to him (not the “gods” of our age) for blessing and provision. What is one specific area of life this week—such as media choices, family priorities, or trust in God’s provision—where you can more intentionally seek first his kingdom? How will you encourage one another in this?
5. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon?

## Discussion Questions for Children

1. God told his people to drive out the nations in Canaan because they were doing very bad things like worshiping fake gods, hurting people, and even sacrificing children. Why do you think God had to judge them after waiting 400 years? What does this teach us about how seriously God takes sin?
2. God didn’t choose the people of Israel because they were the strongest, smartest, or best. He chose them simply because he loved them! How does knowing God loves you first (not because you’re perfect) make you want to love and obey him more?