

Sermon Reflections

God's Resolution to the Problem of Evil (Revelation 20:7-10)

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Summary: God will gloriously vanquish Satan and judge sin by His Son, Jesus Christ.

1. Questions (vv. 7-9a)

- Looking at verse 8, one can hypothetically consider, “Will the fall repeat itself?” How do you rightly harmonize this, and the fall of Genesis 3, with the theme of the entire Bible?
- Nonbelievers may point to evil and sin in the world as evidence that God does not exist. What Scriptural truth could you share to provide a godly perspective?
- What does “Gog and Magog” in v. 8 refer to? Look also at Ezekiel 38-39. In what way does this provide a view of the height and breadth and depth of the rebellion against God?
- One may consider “Will God’s work be fulfilled?” in studying the text (v. 9a). What does this passage teach us about a right response to this question? To present day evil in the world? Do the answers help our daily walk with Christ? How?
- Why is verse 7 foremost of this group of verses? Explain what proof of God’s sovereign design is evident in this passage of Scripture.

2. Answers (vv. 9b-10)

- How is the second and final Adam, Jesus Christ, different from the first?
- What does God’s final victory look like according to verse 10a? How does this relate to Genesis 3?
- The lake of fire and brimstone in v. 10 signifies the Sheol of Job 7:9, Isaiah 14:9-11, Psalm 49:14. So what eternity awaits Satan? Looking ahead at vv. 13-15, who else shares this eternity?
- What do Isaiah 60, Amos 9, Zechariah 8, and the book of Revelation have in common, in terms of God making all things right?
- God’s final judgment (v. 10b) is also referenced in vv. 14:9-11. Is this fearsome or comforting? Why?
- In Revelation 5 and 16, bowls signify the collective prayers of the saints. How does this Scriptural truth change our perspective on our prayers?
- In what ways does God’s resolution of the problem of evil showcase His Son, Jesus Christ?