

Sermon Discussion Guide

Glimpses of God's Ways

Micah 4:6-13

The Lord will make the lame strong (6-8)

Gen 32:31; Hos 12:1-4; 2 Cor 12:8-10

- What does this section say is going to happen to the people of Judah?
- What is the Lord going to do to them and then do in the future?
- How do the experiences of Jacob and Paul relate to this text?
- What encouragement would this vision bring to them?
- How does it encourage us in the midst of feeling lame, driven away, and afflicted?

The Lord will bring deliverance through pain (9-10)

Isa 9:6; 11:1-4; Gen 3:15; Rom 8:22-23

- What is the nature of the rebuke of the questions in verse 9?
- What is the main command for them in verse 10?
- What are ways we see deliverance through pain in Scripture?
- What can help us as we seek to have faith in the midst of pain?

The Lord will use evil plans to destroy evil (11-13)

1 Ki 19:35-36; Acts 14:22; John 12:24; Matt 3:7-12; Micah 7:18-19; Rom 12:14-21; 1 Pet 2:18-25;

- How does this vision show that the Lord was going to use the evil plans to bring an end to evil?
- What are other ways we see this principle in Scripture?
- How does this passage help us to respond to others who do evil against us, or the evil plans against God and his people?

Conclusion

- How does looking to Jesus show us all of these principles? (see back for review)

- When we find ourselves feeling afflicted and lame
 - Out of love for us, he willingly took on weakness
 - **Being in very nature God, took on the form of a servant**
 - A life of affliction, weakness, dying as an outcast
 - And was raised and **given a name above every name**
 - And guaranteed that all who look to him in faith will be his strong nation one day
 - **He will divide the portion that he has earned with the strong**
 - **Jesus was made lame, so that we could be made strong**

- When we find ourselves in pain
 - We see him willingly entering our pain
 - **A man of sorrows and familiar with grief**
 - He became **obedient unto death, even death on a cross**
 - For the joy set before him **he endured the cross, scorning its shame**
 - And through his pain and death he has guaranteed our deliverance
 - Every tear will be wiped away
 - No more death, mourning, or crying or **pain**
 - **Jesus endured the greatest pain so we could be delivered from it forever**

- And when we find ourselves overwhelmed by the evil being plotted against us
 - We remember that evil plans were made against him his whole life
 - Even from birth, fleeing to Egypt as Herod sought to kill him
 - Religious leaders and the crowds plotting to kill him
 - The powers of hell raging against him
 - And yet all their evil plotting led to his victory over them
 - **He made a spectacle of them, triumphing over them in the cross**
 - And we know that when he comes again, all evil will be tread underfoot
 - **Jesus stood against every evil plan so evil itself would finally be destroyed**

- As we walk through this life as sojourners and exiles
 - We look to our savior
 - Walking in the way that he walked
 - Knowing that he is walking with us by his Spirit
 - Knowing that one day, the glory he has earned will be ours as well