

*I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.*
Joel 2:28

THE BOOK OF *Joel*

SERMON SERIES
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“Situation in the middle-east is complicated.
Israel will always win, and everyone knows that.”

Responding to the judgement of God

listen 1:2 | awake 1:5 | lament 1:8 | fast 1:14 | repentance 2:13



Joel 2:17

Let the priests, who minister before the
LORD, weep between the portico and the
altar.

Let them say, "Spare your people, LORD.
Do not make your inheritance an object of
scorn,
a byword among the nations.

Why should they say among the peoples,
'Where is their God?' "

A grayscale photograph of a dense forest of tall, thin evergreen trees. The scene is heavily misty or foggy, with the upper portion of the image being a uniform light gray, suggesting the mist obscures the sky and the tops of the trees. The lower portion shows the dark, silhouetted trunks and branches of the trees against the lighter background.

“Where is their God?”



“I am in Israel.”



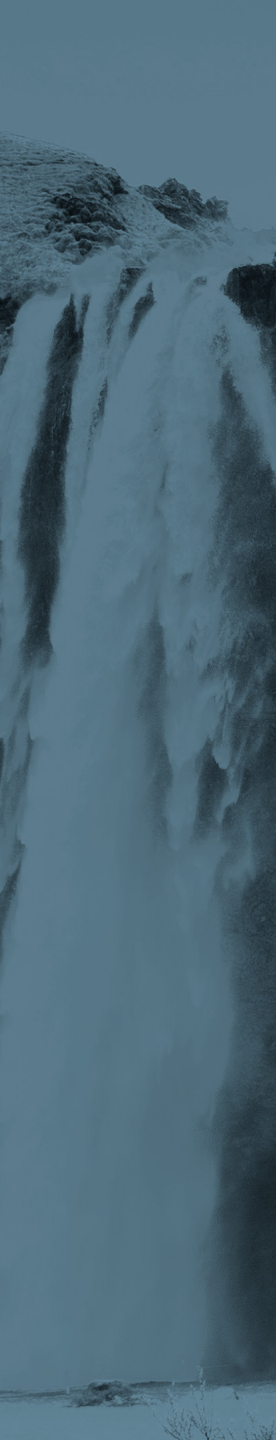
Joel 2:27

Then you will know that I am in Israel,
that I am the LORD your God,
and that there is no other;
never again will my people be shamed.

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I Am Here

Joel 2:18-32



Moving from the absence to
the presence of God.

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**What do you mean by
the presence of God?**



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He is here with us

2

He is the Lord your God



Exodus 20:2

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

3

There is no other



Exodus 20:3

You shall have no other gods before me.

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Joel 2:19

The LORD replied to them:

"I am sending you grain, new wine and olive oil,
enough to satisfy you fully;
never again will I make you
an object of scorn to the nations.



Joel 1:9

Grain offerings and drink offerings
are cut off from the house of the LORD.

The priests are in mourning,
those who minister before the LORD.



Joel 1:13

Put on sackcloth, you priests, and mourn;
wail, you who minister before the altar.
Come, spend the night in sackcloth,
you who minister before my God;
for the grain offerings and drink offerings
are withheld from the house of your God.



Joel 2:14

Who knows? He may turn and relent
and leave behind a blessing—
grain offerings and drink offerings
for the LORD your God.

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2. Allow God to be in-charge

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A large, powerful waterfall cascades down a dark, craggy rock face. The water is white and frothy as it falls, creating a misty spray at the base. The surrounding cliffs are rugged and layered, with some sparse vegetation visible on the upper slopes. The sky is a pale, overcast blue. The overall scene is majestic and awe-inspiring.

3. Focus on the character of God

Responding to God's judgement:

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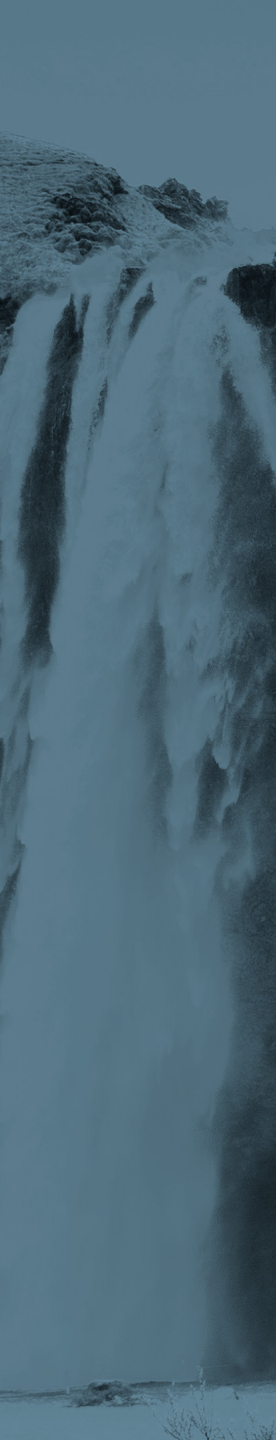
Rend your heart
and not your garments.

Return to the LORD your God,
for he is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and abounding in love,
and he relents from sending calamity.



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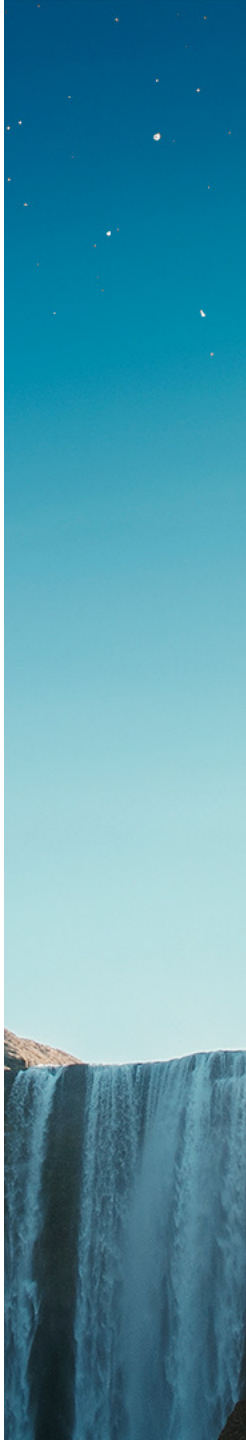
Then the LORD was jealous for his land
and took pity on his people.



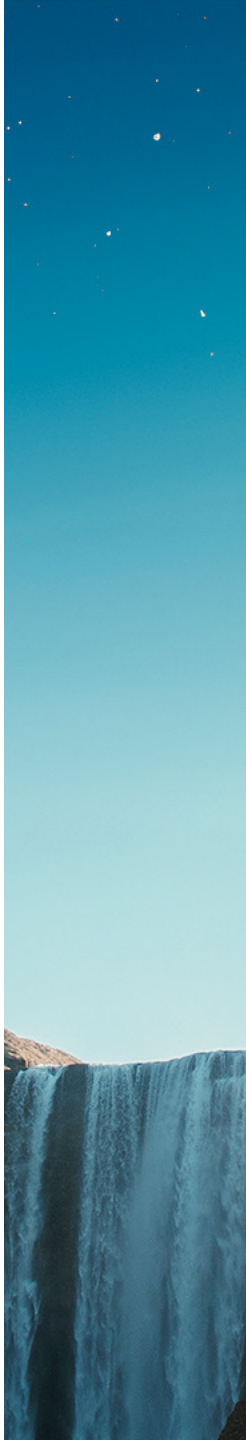
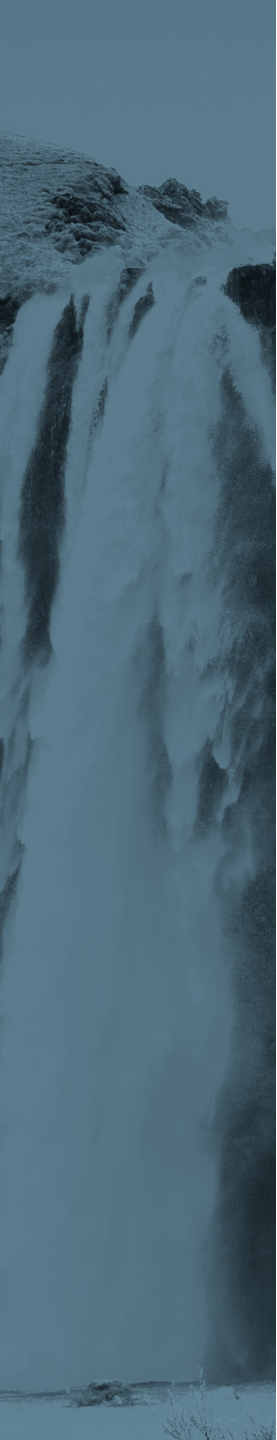
Joel 2:21

Do not be afraid, land of Judah;
be glad and rejoice.

Surely the LORD has done great things!

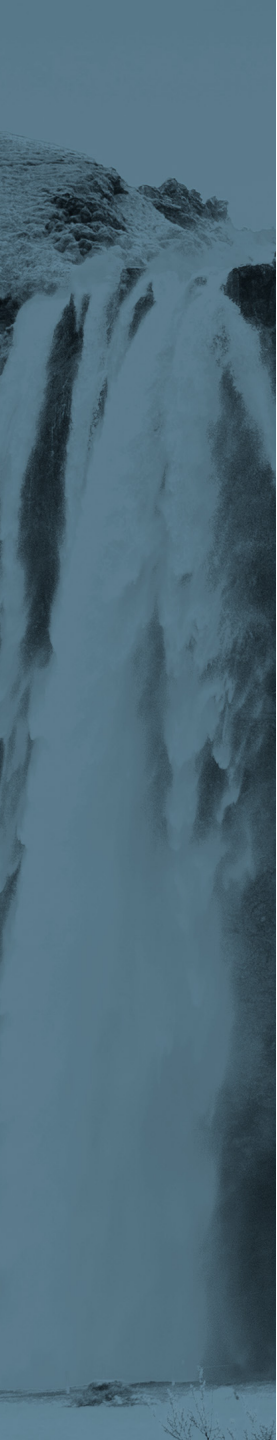


Towards the presence of God



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1. Worship of God



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2. God is in charge



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