

It is a Sad Day When God Laughs
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Introduction: When a man fails to see God for who He is their life will be a tragedy.

- A. Some try to see only one aspect of the character of God. **(Rom 11:22)**
 - 1 One of the insidious things about those who see only God's grace, is their "once saved, always saved" teaching leaves them unprepared for either daily living or the judgment.
 - 2. We need to see God clearly so that we might have the right kind of heart. **(Deut 6:24-25)**
- B. Why can not men see God as He has revealed Himself? **(2 Cor 4:3-6)**
 - 1. Satan has blinded them in their own pride! They might even know the word of God but not see God.
 - 2. These people will hear a terrifying sound one day if they do not repent, the laughter of God.

I. When God Laughs at the Nations

- A. God laughed at the nations in their opposition to Jesus Christ. **(Psa 2:1-5; Acts 4:25-28)**
 - 1. What is the laughter of God? It is His scorn at a time of judgment.
 - 2. The nations were foolish to think they could defeat God!
 - a. He is stronger than they. **(Isa 40:15-18; 23-26)**
 - b. He is wiser than they. **(Isa 40:27-31)** (Ex. Farmer and pigs.)
 - 3. These nations met their doom. They now know the laughter of God.
- B. Sennacherib, king of Assyria, heard the laughter of God. **(Isa 37:10-12, 20-23)**
 - 1. He made the mistake of looking at the visible weaknesses of God's people and assuming that God Himself was weak!
 - 2. How did he hear the laughter of God? **(Isa 37:36-38)**
- C. Judah, the people of God, heard God laugh.
 - 1. She had assumed that God would never destroy the temple! **(Jer 2:2-4)**
 - 2. Judah also thought God would be pleased with outward service. **(Jer 3:8-10)**
 - 3. This overconfident, carnal attitude has been the downfall of God's people through the ages. **(1 Cor 10:12)**

II. When God Laughs at Individuals

- A. God will not let the wicked go unpunished. **(Psa 37:1-2, 7-9, 12-16)**

1. He allows them for a time to go on. In this He shows mercy. (**2 Pet 3:9**)
 2. We should always be mindful of this when we are tempted to question God! Where would we be if God were not longsuffering?
- B. God will laugh at those who do not seek after wisdom (**Prov 1:22-26**)
1. Here we are looking at the wisdom of God. (**Prov 1:7**)
 2. Far too many look at God in emergencies only. These will hear the terrifying laughter of God.

III. Why Do Men Face the Laughter of God?

- A. Because of the blinding power of pride. (**Isa 29:8-9**)
1. Why can the proud not see? They so strongly desire to be something they are not that in time they believe it. (**2 Thess 2:11-12**) (Ex. Nixon)
 2. Think about the foolishness of a man fighting God! (Ex. Tidal wave)
- “Where men are the most sure and arrogant, they are usually the most mistaken.”
David Hume (1711–1776)
- B. Because they take the prerogative of God. (**Rom 12:19-21**)
1. The wicked like to scoff so to punish their enemies. (**Prov 3:34; Psa 1:1-2**)
 2. The enemies of God used this in the days of Nehemiah. (**Neh 2:19**)
Life has taught me that it is not for our faults that we are disliked and even hated, but for our qualities. - Bernard Berenson (1865–1959)
 3. Brethren, have you been a scoffer? Note the article by Connie Adams.
 4. Those who use scoffing to destroy the influence of others and intimidate others to close their Bibles will someday hear the laughter of God.
- C. Because they are hardened by the goodness of God. (**Rom 2:3-6**)
1. How many in this audience have not obeyed the gospel but intend to?
 2. Look at all that God did to provide you this opportunity! What are you doing with it? (**John 3:16**)
 2. If you are not urgently pursuing this then something is very wrong with your thinking. You may one day hear God’s laughter.

Conclusion: Why not cause the rejoicing of God toady rather than the laughter of God later? (**Luke 15:10**)

- A. It is better to weep now and laugh later. (**Luke 6:21-15; Jas 4:9**)
1. When we are at ease we are most likely to forget God.
 2. Why does God allow suffering? For the Christian He wants us to go to heaven. This is an opportunity for growth.
- B. What will the judgment day be like for you?