God Will Chase Them

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INTRODUCTION

- God loves us more than we can even realize or even fully appreciate.
- Our God chases us with his love. He asks us to come destitute, without money, without nothing to offer and bring. He woos us to him.
- God not only loves us, he runs to us, and he can rescue us.

1 God Delights in and Works Toward Rescue

Isaiah 55:1

- We come to him bankrupt, broken, as we saw in Isaiah, destitute, bound, and bad.
- We will not appreciate the love of Christ. We will not pursue the holiness to which he calls us unless we begin to appreciate from whence we come.
- Salvation is given to those who have a heart for him. Willing to yield, willing to be molded by him to let Jesus rule in our hearts and lives.
- Not on the basis of how good we are, but on the basis of knowing what we will become, on the basis of his mercy, on the basis of his kindness.
- Yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay. You are the potter. We are all the work of your hand.
- It is about him. It is about his power. It is about his glory.

2 God Revels in Showing Himself Strong

2 Chronicles 20:15–20; Psalm 50:22; Nahum 1:7–8

- Do not fear or be dismayed because of this great multitude. For the battle is not yours, but God's.
- Put your trust in the Lord your God, and you will be established. Put your trust in his prophets and succeed.
- You can either let God chase you in His love, or He will chase you in His wrath.
- The Lord chases His enemies into darkness. He is a stronghold, though, for those who turn to Him in the day of trouble.
- God will show himself strong, and he revels in it.

3 God Loves to Make Beauty Out of Ashes

Isaiah 61:3; Ezekiel 36

- Giving them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting.

- God makes beauty out of ashes in regard to our broken lives. He redeems what is redeemable in our world.
- What is a seeming end to us is an opportunity for our God. Nothing shall be impossible to him.
- Sinners can be employed in his service.
- Our God shows himself strong. Our God turns ashes into beauty.

THE CHALLENGE

Come to the fountain of the waters of life without cost. Jesus loves you. He beckons you. He woos you. While there's time and opportunity. Leave the wind. Leave it. Come to the fountain. Be cleansed. Let God show himself strong.

MY NOTES