



Sermon series: Visions of Hope  
Text: Zechariah 5:1-11  
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## **Not the Way It's Supposed to Be**

**Big Idea: God has a plan for dealing with the problem of sin.**

### **God will \_\_\_\_\_ sin. (Vs. 1-3)**

1. God's \_\_\_\_\_ exposes what sin is. (Romans 3:20)
2. Takeaway: We should \_\_\_\_\_ God to expose sin in our lives. (Psalm 139:3-4)
3. The law can expose sin, but it cannot \_\_\_\_\_ sin.

### **God will \_\_\_\_\_ sin. (vs. 3-4)**

New City Catechism – Q: Will God allow our disobedience and idolatry to go unpunished?  
A: No, God is righteously angry with our sins and will punish them in this life, and in the life to come.

1. God \_\_\_\_\_ let sin go unpunished. (Galatians 3:10)
2. Our sin \_\_\_\_\_ to be punished just as much as anyone else's.

### **God will \_\_\_\_\_ sin. (vs. 5-11)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ God can remove sin.
2. God is going to remove \_\_\_\_\_ sin.
3. Takeaway: Don't grow \_\_\_\_\_ in your battles with sin.

### **Big Idea 2.0: God \_\_\_\_\_ with the problem of sin.**

- 1 Peter 2:24; Galatians 3:13; Psalm 103:12

What are some things you see that cause you to say, "This is not the way it's supposed to be"? Do you see these things only outside yourself in others or in the world, or do you see them inside yourself as well?

What are some examples of ways we redefine sin according to our own opinions or desires?

What keeps us from inviting God or other people to expose sin in our lives?



*What are some ways we end up relying on the law to try to cure the problem of sin in your own life or in the lives of others?*

*What are some of the reasons we tend to be uncomfortable with the idea that God will punish sin?*

*What makes it so hard for us to admit that our sin deserves to be judged and punished just as much as anyone else's? What effects does it have on our lives when we really believe this truth?*

*When you are confronted with sin in your own life is your default reaction to try harder or to call out for God's mercy and help? What can you do to change how you respond to sin in your life?*

*Are there any specific areas of sin that you grow weary of fighting against? How can the truth that God will remove all sin encourage you in your battle against this sin?*

*How might seeing how awful sin is in your own life lead you to see how amazing God's grace is in Christ? What can you do to remind yourself of this the next time you are confronted with the problem of your own sin?*