

Introduction

- I. In the sermon I am making the case for the justice of God that punishes sin!
- II. In this sermon, we learn important truth about our holy God: He is just!

The Consequences of Our Sin

I. The Just Consequences

- A. That God is just means that sin stirs up in God a holy, righteous, just anger.

- B. This justice of God is defended in A. 9 of the HC. Do we really deserve to be punished?

II. The Awful Consequences

- A. The just, comprehensive, unchanging, awful judgment of God upon sin includes temporal punishment - punishment in this life. Prov. 3:33; Rom. 1:24-27; Ps. 73

- B. The fullness of what we deserve is the wrath of God in hell, as described in Matt. 8:12.

III. The Amazing Mercy

- A. The HC teaches the relationship between God's mercy and justice by addressing an objection to God's justice - isn't God also merciful?

- B. We can only understand mercy when we understand our sin and God's justice - His attitude and action toward all sin!