

Introduction:

- We set our eyes on Jesus during this fast and in receiving communion daily. I trust you personally got closer to God! I also trust you are hearing His voice.
 - I want to focus on the Roar of The Lion of Judah this morning.
 - *“Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires”. (Romans 13:11-14, ESV)*
 - *“But make sure that you don’t get so absorbed and exhausted in taking care of all your day-by-day obligations that you lose track of the time and doze off, oblivious to God. The night is about over, dawn is about to break. Be up and awake to what God is doing! God is putting the finishing touches on the salvation work he began when we first believed. We can’t afford to waste a minute, must not squander these precious daylight hours in frivolity and indulgence, in sleeping around and dissipation, in bickering and grabbing everything in sight. Get out of bed and get dressed! Don’t loiter and linger, waiting until the very last minute. Dress yourselves in Christ, and be up and about!”* (Romans 13:11-14, The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language)

I. The Hour Has Come!

- A. Time to wake up! Implies the church has dozed off. I.e. “It’s time to get up, time to get up, time to get up in the morning!”
 1. What would the foolish virgins of Matthew 25 had done different if they had really prepared?
 2. Don’t be a fool, now is the time to prepare. We are close!
- B. Jesus, The hour has come...John 17:1-3
 1. This hour was not a time of resignation to death. We tend to look at that phrase as the time of death. Not Jesus.
 2. But this hour was the realization of all that He had been preparing for.
 3. John 2:3-4 Mom, my hour is not yet come. “There is no roar on this.”
 4. John 7:30; 8:20 to the disciples, My hour has not yet come. They could not arrest Him because it was out side the timing of God.
 - a) The bowls of heaven are being filled. Rev 5:8 The bowls are the prayers of the Saints. At some point the bowls will be filled and they will tip.
 - b) This will mark the beginning of the end of antichrist systems at work in the earth.
 - c) Jesus was looking for the timing of God (John 12:24) when the Kernel of wheat

falls to the earth and dies it remains a single seed.

- C. The hour has come. *"But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only."* (Matthew 24:36, ESV)
1. History hinges on this hour. It is a fixed time.
 2. It is a fixed moment. chronos vs. kairos; you can miss an appointed time but not a fixed time.
 3. What is a revival? Revival is not needed because of the state of the world. It is needed because of the state of the church. A revival does so many things...we could talk for weeks. But let's look at two things a revival does.
 - a) First, it returns the Church from her backsliding. In revival the church gets right with God.
 - b) Second, when the church gets right with God—the 'fire' jumps into the streets—awakening! It causes the conversion of men and women; and it always includes the conviction of sin. Both inside and outside the church.
 4. When is a revival needed? When the Christians are careless and unconcerned. This is why Paul can say to the church in Rome....
- D. Paul says in our text of Romans 13:11-14.
1. Wake up!
 2. Cast off darkness!
 3. Put on the Light of Christ!
 4. Make no provision for the flesh.
 5. With the magnitude that the church is believing for in this hour we need the Lion of the Tribe of Judah to roar! Jesus is that Lion! Rev 5:5.

II. When the Lion of Tribe of Judah Roars

- A. Everything shakes - *"At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.""* (Hebrews 12:26, ESV)
- B. Everything trembles -
1. *"My flesh trembles for fear of you, and I am afraid of your judgments."* (Psalm 119:120, ESV)
 2. *"He looks on the earth and it trembles, He touches the mountains and they smoke!"* (Psalm 104:32, ESV)
 3. Is. 66:2,5 on this one will I look, *"you who tremble at my word."*
- C. Everything bows
1. 2 Chron 7:1-3 Solomon dedicates the temple. When Israel saw the fire come down they bowed their faces to the ground and worshiped.

III. His Roar Is...

A. God's Roar is a Holy Roar!

1. Is 6:1-8
2. Exodus 19-24 Holiness of Mount Sinai! The mountain was God because God was there. Exodus 3 Moses take your shoes off you are standing on holy ground.

B. God's Roar is terrifying.

1. IE. Narnia, Lucy and Mr and Mrs Beaver. *Lucy the youngest asks, "Is-is he a man?" "Aslan a man! Said Mr. Beaver sternly...Aslan is a lion-THE Lion, the great Lion." "Ooh!" said Susan, "I'd thought he was a man. Is he-quite safe? I shall feel rather nervous meeting a lion." "That you will dearie, and no mistake," said Mrs. Beaver, "if there's anyone who can appear before Aslan without their knees knocking, they're either braver than most or else just silly." "Then he isn't safe?" said Lucy. "Safe?" said Mr. Beaver. "Don't you hear what Mrs. Beaver tells you? Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King. I tell you."*
2. God isn't safe. He is a roaring lion and He demands our attention and our allegiance. Philip. 2:10 (NIV) "...that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth and confess He is King of kings and Lord of lords."
3. The fear of the Lord is returning to the church! Acts 5:11 Ananias and Sapphira. Great fear came upon the church! Not the world...the church. If the church doesn't fear God what makes us think the world will?

C. God's roar is full of love!

1. *"They shall go after the Lord; he will roar like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west;"* (Hosea 11:10, ESV)
2. The Roar from the cross, "It Is FINISHED!" It is a roar of love! And that roar is still echoing through the ages! The Debt is paid in full! You who are hungry come!
3. That voice calls sinners! Is a voice of majesty! *"The Lord roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth quake. But the Lord is a refuge to his people, a stronghold to the people of Israel."* (Joel 3:16, ESV)
4. *"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."* (Hebrews 4:12, ESV)

Conclusion:

- The Lion of Judah is worthy...Only He is able to give you and me life!
 - His roar of love warms the coldest hearts...and revives the most apathetic spirit.
 - His roar says that He is passionate for you!
 - His roar will teach your heart to fear! Roar Lion of Judah Roar.