



Worship Service
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Zephaniah: Hope through the Darkness

Lesson Three • Zephaniah 1:7-18

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God is SPEAKING with authority as the Divine Judge and people are LISTENING without excuse in humility.

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated His guests. Zephaniah 1:7

But the LORD is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him. Habakkuk 2:20

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. Romans 3:19

Be Silent and Listen

1. Hear the WRATH of God on the Day of the Lord!

The Day of the Lord

- The wicked will be PUNISHED on the Lord's day of judgment. vs. 8-11

- The complacent who think God will do nothing will LOSE everything. vs. 12-13

- The Day of the Lord is unlike any other day in its TERROR. vs. 14-18

- SIN is the reason for this day of complete destruction. vs. 17-18

For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Ephesians 5:5-6

2. Hear the MERCY of God on the Day of the Lord!

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, who do His just commands; seek righteousness; seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the anger of the LORD. Zephaniah 2:3

The LORD passed before him [Moses] and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin..." Exodus 34:6-7

How Can There Be Any Hope?

God's wrath and mercy meet and merge on the CROSS of Jesus Christ, the place where hope and refuge is found for repentant sinners like us.

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There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1

Are You Listening to God Speak?

Do you hear the wrath of God that's coming on the Day of the Lord?

Do you hear the mercy of God that's provided for you in Jesus Christ?

Don't Be Complacent Toward God!

The Lord ACTED in the past, the Lord is ACTIVE now, and the Lord will ACT in the future.

Let this truth cause you to seek the Lord and serve the Lord today.

"The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent, because He has fixed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom He has appointed; and of this He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead." Acts 17:30-31