



Worship Service  
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## Zephaniah: Hope through the Darkness

Lesson Four • Zephaniah 2:1-3  
**God's Merciful Invitation**

### God's Merciful Invitation

In light of God's coming judgment, we are INVITED to seek God's saving grace before it's too late or face destruction.

*Gather together, yes, gather, O shameless nation, before the decree takes effect—before the day passes away like chaff—before there comes upon you the burning anger of the LORD, before there comes upon you the day of the anger 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 2:1-3*

### How to Respond to God's Merciful Invitation

#### 1. GATHER Together to Worship the Lord!

*Gather together, yes, gather, O shameless nation. Zephaniah 2:1*

#### **Why Gather Together?**

A return to corporate WORSHIP is often necessary to bring us to the point of recalling and repenting.

*Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out. Acts 3:19*

#### **Recalling and Repenting**

- Recalling is the ACKNOWLEDGMENT of our sin.
- Repenting is the GATEWAY to God's saving grace.

## 2. SEEK the Lord Before It's Too Late!

*Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, who do His just commands; seek righteousness; seek humility... Zephaniah 2:3*

### Don't Wait to Seek the Lord

Now is the time to HEED God's warning and seek the Lord's face and saving grace before it's too late.

*Before the decree takes effect—before the day passes away like chaff—before there comes upon you the burning anger of the LORD, before there comes upon you the day of the anger of the LORD. Zephaniah 2:2*

### Why Seek the Lord?

So you may be HIDDEN in the Lord on the day of the Lord's wrath.

*...perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the anger of the LORD. Zephaniah 2:3*

### How to Seek the Lord

- Seek the Lord in HUMILITY.
- Seek the Lord in OBEDIENCE.
- Seek the Lord in RIGHTEOUSNESS.

### Time Is Running Out!

The good news is NOW is the time to repent and seek the Lord before it's too late.

*As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For He says, "In the time of My favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. 2Corinthians 6:1-2*