



Worship Service
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Zephaniah: Hope through the Darkness

Lesson Six • Zephaniah 3:1-8
The Justice of God

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God will judge the city of JERUSALEM because of her continued rebellion against the Lord.

Woe to her who is rebellious and defiled, the oppressing city! Zephaniah 3:1

The Injustice of Jerusalem

Rebellion against God leads to CORRUPT behavior personally and publicly.

Her officials within her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves that leave nothing till the morning. Her prophets are fickle, treacherous men; her priests profane what is holy; they do violence to the law. Zephaniah 3:3-4

But all the more they were eager to make all their deeds corrupt. Zephaniah 3:7

The Justice of God Displayed within the City of Jerusalem

1. See the Judgment for REBELLIOUS People!

She listens to no voice; she accepts no correction. She does not trust in the LORD; she does not draw near to her God. Zephaniah 3:2

The Path to Spiritual Ruin

- We refuse to LISTEN to God's Word.

- We refuse to SUBMIT to God's Word.

- We refuse to TRUST in the Lord.

- We refuse to DRAW NEAR to the Lord.

2. See the Hope from the RIGHTEOUS Lord!

The LORD within her is righteous; He does no injustice; every morning He shows forth His justice; each dawn He does not fail; but the unjust knows no shame. Zephaniah 3:5

"I have cut off nations; their battlements are in ruins; I have laid waste their streets so that no one walks in them; their cities have been made desolate, without a man, without an inhabitant." Zephaniah 3:6

"I said, 'Surely you will fear Me; you will accept correction. Then your dwelling would not be cut off according to all that I have appointed against you.' But all the more they were eager to make all their deeds corrupt." Zephaniah 3:7

The Righteousness of God

- God is righteous in His CHARACTER.

- God is righteous in His ACTIONS.

Justice Is Coming!

God's justice is coming to the whole world because of humanity's rebellion against the Lord, but there's HOPE for those who seek the Lord and His saving grace before it's too late.

"Therefore wait for Me," declares the LORD, "for the day when I rise up to seize the prey. For My decision is to gather nations, to assemble kingdoms, to pour out upon them My indignation, all My burning anger; for in the fire of My jealousy all the earth shall be consumed." Zephaniah 3:8

Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. 2Peter 3:11-13

Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore He will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for Him! Isaiah 30:18