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# Zephaniah: Hope through the Darkness

Lesson Seven • Zephaniah 3:9-20

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God <u>REJOICES</u> over you with gladness and singing because He is mighty to save. Therefore, we have reason to SING even in the darkness.

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with loud singing.

Zephaniah 3:17

But while the son was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him. Luke 15:20

## God Sings, You Sing

# 1. God Promises a Triumphant SALVATION In His Name!

### Salvation in the Lord's Name

- God will <u>REDEEM</u> Gentile nations so they will call upon the name of the Lord in united and universal worship (vs. 9-10).
- God will <u>RENEW</u> Israel's remnant so they will seek refuge in the name of the Lord as a holy and humble community (vs. 11-13).

#### The Best Is Yet to Come!

God's promises will be fulfilled ultimately in the <u>NEW JERUSALEM</u>, where His presence will rule with His people in His place.

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Revelation 21:2-5

# 2. God Promises a Jubilant RESTORATION of His People!

# A Reason to Sing

- ➤ Israel will <u>REJOICE</u> with singing and shouting for joy over the Lord's power and presence (vs. 14-17).
- ➤ Israel will be <u>RESTORED</u> and praised among all the peoples of the earth (vs. 18-20).

## The Lord Has Spoken

God <u>AFFIRMS</u> that what He has promised will come to fruition; He will make it happen and no one or no thing can stop Him. That's hope through the darkness.

The word of the LORD that came to Zephaniah... Zephaniah 1:1
...says the LORD, Zephaniah 3:20

# **Most Important Question in Life**

Will you SING with joy or SCREAM in fear on the coming Day of the Lord's wrath?

The good news is there's still time to seek the Lord's saving grace in Jesus Christ before it's too late.

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

I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. 2Corinthians 6:2

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

Revelation 22:17