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## SHOCKING SHAME

Sermon notes from 5/11/08 Pentecost

### Zephaniah 3:1-5

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#### Summary

*The Day of the LORD - Seeing the Judgment of God, Finding His Hope*  
Zephaniah wrote to the people of Judah during the reign of King Josiah. Though the people would experience a temporary revival when discovering the law, their true hope would come as the true King of Israel would be found in their midst!

#### Outline

1. The Destruction of Creation (1:1-6)
2. Nothing to Say (1:7-13)
3. Idols for Destruction (1:14-18)
4. Hope in Despair (2:1-3)
5. Our Mighty King (2:4-15)
6. **Shocking Shame** (3:1-5)
7. The Storm Before the Calm (3:6-8)
8. Let the Nations Be Glad (3:9-13)
9. Our Singing God (3:14-20)

#### Text

<sup>1</sup> Woe to the **city of oppressors**,  
rebellious and defiled!  
<sup>2</sup> She obeys no one,  
she accepts no correction.  
She does not trust in the LORD,  
she does not draw near to **her** God.  
<sup>3</sup> Her **officials** [**within her**] are roaring lions,  
her **rulers** are evening wolves,  
who leave nothing for the morning.  
<sup>4</sup> Her **prophets** are arrogant;  
they are treacherous men.  
Her **priests** profane the sanctuary  
and do violence to the law.  
<sup>5</sup> The LORD **within her** is righteous;  
he does no wrong.  
Morning by morning he dispenses his justice,  
and every new day he does not fail,  
yet the unrighteous know no shame.

#### Application

*Please consider the following questions as you seek the Holy Spirit's direction:*

1. How do we survive the Day of the Lord when He is holy and we are not?
2. How are we guilty like Jerusalem of old? What's our culpability together?
3. Do we know shame? How do we together express it?
4. Will we persist as the unrighteous who know no shame or will we repent?