

**Pray:** Your life would be molded by the word of God. That you would see your shortcomings before God and your need to repent.

## Monday 4/28

**Read:** The day of the Lord has not yet arrived. That is the marvelous message that Zephaniah begins to lay out in the opening verses of the second chapter. There is time to avoid the wrath of a God who assuredly will punish those who remain in their sin. There is something that you can do.

**Application:** Zephaniah provides us with the remedy. "**Seek the Lord**". Consider **Matthew 7:7-8**. Here scripture exhorts us to knock at God's door. To seek Him while there is still time. There is also the promise that whoever seeks God will find Him.

**Pray:** For a heart that earnestly seeks knowledge about the laws of God.

## Tuesday 4/29

**Read:** But what are we to earnestly seek? Scripture teaches we are to endeavor after those things which are just, those things which are merciful. We are to humble ourselves before the face of God.

**Application:** I hope the idea of justice, mercy and humility sound familiar to you. Look closely at **Micah 6:8**. This verse provide us with a concise description of what God expects of you, and all of mankind. We are to walk with God with every thought, word and deed, obediently focused on His justice and His mercy.

**Pray:** That you will seek God's word and allow it to reveal God's commands on how you are to live.

## Wednesday 4/30

**Read:** When we live in opposition to God's word we are living in the sinful nature. That is the lifestyle revealed in **Galatians 5:17-21**. But there is a means by which you can be rescued from the slavery of your sinful nature.

**Application:** Read **II Thessalonians 5:13**. We can be saved from our sinful nature, and from the wrath of God, through the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit. The sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit renews you in the image of God, and enables you to put away the sinful nature and live for the righteousness of God.

**Pray:** For the Holy Spirit to set you apart for God's service. To remove your sins and replace them with the holiness of God.

## Thursday 5/1

**Read:** There is no greater feeling in life than to have a sincere love for the commands of God. To have a sincere desire to follow God's commands. There is no limit to the joy that such an attitude brings to the life of the believer.

**Application:** There is no greater place to find such an attitude towards the commands of God as there is in **Psalm 119**. This is a long chapter but it is well worth the reading. **Psalm 119** will help you gain an understanding of the excitement and joy that comes through a desire to obey God.

**Pray:** That you would seek after and enjoy the commands and statutes of God.

## Friday 5/2

**Read:** Such are the wonders of God's word. There is the certainty of God's wrath and punishment to the disobedient. But there is also the promise of rescue to those who believe. Ignoring the warning of God's wrath will bring destruction to your life. Taking hold of God's promise of rescue will give you a life of fruitful service to God.

**Application:** The closing verses of **Galatians 5 (vv 22-24)** reveals the fruitfulness of a life lived in the Spirit. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control come when you are obedient to the law of God. These are the fruit your faithful service to God will display.

**Pray:** Your sinful nature would be discarded and replaced by a life lived in the Spirit.

## Saturday 5/3

**Read:** Even when we are not predisposed to heed a warning we can learn from the experiences of others. Scripture often implores us to take heed by providing us with examples of what happens to those who ignore warnings.

**Application:** Read **Zephaniah 2:4-15**. Study closely how God dealt with other nations that failed to heed warnings of the wrath of God. How should you react to these examples?

**Pray:** God's warning for you to pay attention to His word will be made clearer through the examples of those who were disobedient.

## Spirit of the Living God

*Daniel Iverson*

1. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.  
Break me! Melt me! Mold Me! Fill me!  
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

## May the Mind of Christ My Savior

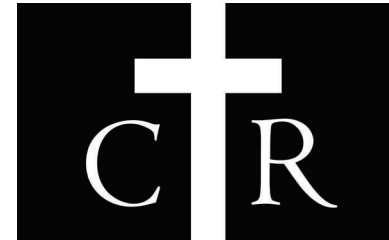
*Barham-Gould/Wilkinson*

1. May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,  
by his love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.
2. May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,  
so that all may see I triumph only through his pow'r.
3. May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,  
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.
4. May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;  
Him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.
5. May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,  
And may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

# Taking Gathered Worship Home

Zephaniah-The Day of the Lord

Week of April 27, 2008



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**T**he prophets spoke in one voice when it came to announcing the wrath of God. Likewise, they also spoke in unity as they proclaimed the grace of God. Thus, the purpose of the Bible's warning about the coming destruction by God is not to frighten or drive people to despair. As Matthew Henry stated, God's warnings are "not to frighten them out of their wits, but to frighten them out of their sins". In the opening verses of chapter two Zephaniah turns to the glorious proclamation of God's grace.

Reading this week from Zephaniah 2:1-3

**Sunday 4/27**

**Read:** Have you even ignored a warning about a particular situation? Have you ever regretted not heeding the words which were spoken to you? In chapter one Zephaniah has already laid before us the dire situation facing those who rebel against God.

**Application:** Read **Galatians 5:19-21**. Are you living your life to satisfy the sinful nature? Does the manner in which you conducts your affairs reflect a rebellious attitude towards God? Pay heed to the warning found in the first chapter of Zephaniah.