

Pray: Your mouth will always sing a song of praise to God for his mercy.

Monday 6/2

Read: Your praise to God should flow as a result of his revelation. When you were still a sinner you walked in disobedience to God. Through the counsel of the Holy Spirit you were enabled to see this disobedience. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit you were enabled to see Christ as the remedy for your life of unrighteousness.

Application: God is your teacher. Through the Bible he reveals to you your natural opposition to his word. Through the Bible God shows you your need for a savior. God feeds you with every word found in scripture. You are strengthened as you allow God's word to remove sin from your life and replaces it with his righteous law. For this you are to sing a song of praise to God.

Pray: The word of God will plant his statutes in your heart.

Tuesday 6/3

Read: Your praise to God should flow as a result of Christ's intercession for you. Through Christ's death on the cross you received relief from God's wrath. Christ's continuing intercession provides you with an eternal advocate before God.

Application: The Bible clearly teaches Christ shed his blood to remove you from the wrath of God. The imperfection wrought by your sin made it impossible for you to enter into the presence of a perfect and holy God. The righteousness provided through Christ's sacrifice enables you to draw near to God now and forever more. For this you are to sing a song of praise to God.

Pray: You would rest in assurance that Christ's sacrifice has eternally reconciled your relationship with God.

Wednesday 6/4

Read: God has provided you with a redeemer. Christ came to teach you the way to God. God sent the Holy Spirit to help you understand and apply his word. Your life, and the lives of all of God's people are eternally in his hands. For this you are to sing a song of praise to God.

Application: God rules the heavenly kingdom, God is king of the church. God is king over all of his people. He has purchased your life at the cost of his son's life. You no longer have control over your destiny. Your future rests safely in the arms of Christ. For this you are to sing a song of praise to God.

Pray: God would show you the magnitude and magnificence of His lordship over your life.

Thursday 6/5

Read: Your life is under the benevolent care of God. He has foreordained all that is to occur in your life. From birth to the grave you are under the care of a watchful God who sovereignly lays out the days of your life.

Application: From the human perspective, God's control over the lives of others is something that might be feared. From the spiritual perspective, it is something to be cherished. Therein lies the joy and hope of **Romans 8:28**. The knowledge that in all things God is working for the best interest of those who love him should spur us forward in all circumstances. For this you are to sing a song of praise to God.

Pray: You would see the benevolence of God in every aspect of your life.

Friday 6/6

Read: In your understanding of the providence of God you must take care to realize that God rules the lives of all people. This includes those who remain in their sin and live outside of God's heavenly kingdom.

Application: If God is truly sovereign, then he controls all things. Read **Romans 1:18-32**. These verses describe the life of the unholy, those who do not pay heed to God's call to repentance. Instead, these people "**exchanged the truth of God for a lie...(vs 25)**", refusing to be reconciled to God. God turns such people over to their own sinful desires.

Pray: That those who remain disobedient to God will soon hear God's voice and respond to His call to repent.

Saturday 6/7

Read: On Thursday we discussed the providence of God in the lives of those who hear his call to obedience. Yesterday, we looked at the providence of God in the lives of those who fail to heed God's word. The former are destined to live in God's loving care. The latter are destined to an eternity separated from the benevolence of God.

Application: Herein lies the warning found in Zephaniah. Either repent from your rebellion against God and be saved from the coming judgment, or continue in your sinful ways and perish when God's day of wrath arrives.

Pray: Giving thanks for the salvation God offers through his Son Jesus Christ.

To God be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,

Let the earth bear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

Refrain

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

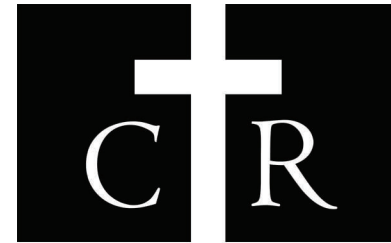
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Taking Gathered Worship Home

Zephaniah-The Day of the Lord

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In our study of **Zephaniah 3: 8-13** we saw how the tone of God changed from one of wrath to one of restoration. Things were not good in Jerusalem. That city, and the whole nation of Israel, had become firmly established in their opposition to God. This is not unlike our standing before God. As **Romans 3:23** states, "**we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.**" That is the reality of our relationship with God. However, later in the book of Romans the Bible turns its attention to the magnitude of God's love for his people. **Romans 5:8** tells us that this love for us was so great that even though we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. What a wondrous song of love God sings to us.

Reading this week from Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sunday 6/1

Read: Re-read **Zephaniah 3:9-13**. What should be your response to God's song of redeeming love? What about his promise to restore a pure language in you, remove your shame and guilt, humble your spirit and make you his servant?

Application: Zephaniah 3:14 instructs you to sing back. You are to shout out with songs of joyous praise for the God who saves you. Instead of road that leads to destruction, you are provided a path that leads to purity and peace. Gods people shall speak in the truth of his word, and rest in the peace of his eternal protection.