

Worship Discussion and Reflection Questions

Sermon Series: Ancient Voices for Unsettled Times

Sermon: Zephaniah: Singing with God

Scripture: Zephaniah 3:14-20

14 Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;

shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,

O daughter of Jerusalem!

15 The Lord has taken away the judgments against you;

he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;

you shall never again fear evil.

16 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

“Fear not, O Zion;

let not your hands grow weak.

17 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.

18 I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,

so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

19 Behold, at that time I will deal

with all your oppressors.

And I will save the lame

and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise

and renown in all the earth.

20 At that time I will bring you in,
at the time when I gather you together;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes,” says the Lord.

Reflection Questions:

Where am I tempted to mix my worship of God with other things I look to for security, identity, comfort, or control?

In what areas of my life am I living as though God will “neither do good nor do harm” (Zephaniah 1:12)—professing faith in Him but not expecting Him to act?

Where is pride keeping me from humbling myself before God and taking refuge in Him (Zephaniah 2:3)?

What would it look like for me to trust more deeply that “the LORD your God is in your midst” (Zephaniah 3:17)?

How would my worship, relationships, and daily life change if I truly believed that God has taken away my judgment and rejoices over His redeemed people with love (Zephaniah 3:14–17)?

Guided Prayer:

Praise God for the gracious vision presented in Zephaniah 3. Ask Him to help you to truly believe that He rejoices over you and sings loudly with joy because of you. Repent of the ways you do not accept or live in His presence or grace. Ask Him to help you to change, not out of behavior modification, but out of gratitude for the grace He has shown you in Jesus. Spend some time picturing God singing with joy over you. Praise Him again. In Jesus’ name, Amen.