

The 12: Zephaniah Part 2

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Reflection & Discussion Questions

What is more important, what you are saved FROM or what you are saved FOR?

While both are correct and important, most spiritual traditions and people gravitate towards one.

*Which statement are you more naturally drawn to

*Why is it important to hold both?

Zephaniah is a fascinating balance between these two

After talking about God's judgement and anger, he gives us a picture of what happens through Jesus.

Read and discuss Zephaniah 3:9-17(NIV)

⁹ "Then I will purify the lips of the peoples,
that all of them may call on the name of
the LORD

and serve him shoulder to shoulder.

¹⁰ From beyond the rivers of Cush
my worshipers, my scattered people,
will bring me offerings.

¹¹ On that day you, Jerusalem, will not be put to
shame

for all the wrongs you have done to me,
because I will remove from you
your arrogant boasters.

Never again will you be haughty
on my holy hill.

¹² But I will leave within you
the meek and humble.

The remnant of Israel
will trust in the name of the LORD.

¹³ They will do no wrong;
they will tell no lies.

A deceitful tongue

will not be found in their mouths.

They will eat and lie down
and no one will make them afraid."

¹⁴ Sing, Daughter Zion;
shout aloud, Israel!

Be glad and rejoice with all your heart,
Daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵ The LORD has taken away your punishment,
he has turned back your enemy.
The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you;
never again will you fear any harm.

¹⁶ On that day
they will say to Jerusalem,
"Do not fear, Zion;
do not let your hands hang limp.

¹⁷ The LORD your God is with you,
the Mighty Warrior who saves.
He will take great delight in you;
in his love he will no longer rebuke you,
but will rejoice over you with singing."

And again verse 17, from the ESV: 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.

*What do these verses say about God? About people?

*What do these words say about God's dream for us?

*What do you see in the contrast of our quietness and God's loud singing? When have you felt this sort of love from God?

The truest thing about us is we are deeply loved by Him

We are challenged to focus not on what we are saved from or for, but on WHO is doing the saving and why.

*What is hard for you about really receiving His love? What is 'risky about being loved unconditionally'?

*How are you doing right now at allowing yourself to be loved?

*Where might you need to stop 'effort-ing' so hard?

*What is a way this week you could rest in his arms like a child and listen to His song of love?

Visual reflection (Visio Divina)

[The Inescapable God](#) by Mike Moyers

Song for reflection

[Sing Over Me](#) by Bethany Dillon, Nicole Nordeman

Song Jonathan referenced

[Daddy's Song](#) by Dennis Jernigan