

Dig Deeper @Home – “Mighty One”
Complement to sermon on November 5, 2017

MEMORIZE – Zephaniah 3: 16-18

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. 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. I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

READ Zephaniah 1

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?

2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?

3. Verse 1 gives two genealogies. That of Zephaniah and that of Josiah. Zephaniah is a descendant of King Hezekiah. Josiah is a descendent of King Amon.
 - a. Look up the following verses to compare and contrast Hezekiah and Amon: 2 Kings 18: 1-8 and 2 Kings 21: 19-22. What is the importance of these two names being present in the genealogies? What does it tell us?

 - b. What kind of king was Josiah? (look up 2 Kings 22: 1-2)

4. God is angry with His people and He says why in verses 5 and 6. Read these verses again. In light of these verses answer these questions about your own life
 - a. Who are you following? (Who do you want to be like? Why?)
 - b. Who/what are you seeking? (For example, list things that would have to happen for you to go to bed thinking “that was a good day.”)
 - c. Who/what do you turn to for advice?
 - d. In what ways are you guilty of trusting in God and something else

Bottom Line – Summarize Zephaniah 1 in your own words

EXPERIENTIAL

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The one below is a suggestion for how to experience the truths of Zephaniah 1

He that be Worthy - (<https://vimeo.com/240890345>)

[Watch this clip](#) from the movie “Thor.” In the clip, Thor’s father Odin strips Thor of his power and takes his hammer. At the very end of the scene, Odin whispers “whosoever holds this hammer, if he be worthy, shall possess the power of Thor.” Think of that as an analogy to being found worthy before God Almighty and be welcomed as a guest (v7).

After watching the clip, answer these questions:

1. If Zephaniah 1 is true who is worthy to stand before the LORD? (lift the hammer)
2. What will happen to those who aren’t worthy?
3. Why is this a problem for all people?
4. What (or who) is the solution to this problem? (hint: remember the memory verse)

SING (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)

[His Mercy is More](#) - Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

This song reminds of how far we fall short of the glory of God because of our sin, but God is rich in mercy and grace and His mercy is much more than our sins.

I’m Pressing on the Upward Way – Mennonite Hymnal #582

Let this be your hearts plea this week.

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. It is a time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Heavenly Father, we confess that we all in one way or another have turned our back on you and gone our own way. We have earned only punishment and yet by your grace, you made a way for us to be restored and be received as guests in your presence. Let that grace go with us and transform us, In Jesus name. Amen.

