



In dealing with their sin, God used a pattern that He often used with Israel:

1. God reproved them for their sin (Zephaniah 3:1-7).
2. God encourages them to seek mercy (Zephaniah 3:8-13).
3. God promises a future of favor and prosperity if they turn back to Him (Zephaniah 3:14-20).

I. WHY SHOULD WE SING AND SHOUT? (ZEPHANIAH 3:14-15)

A. SING BECAUSE THE LORD HAS TAKEN AWAY OUR JUDGMENT

B. SING BECAUSE THE LORD HAS CAST OUT OUR ENEMIES (3:15)

II Peter 2:9, "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations."

Ephesians 6:12, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

John 16:33, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

Romans 8:13, "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."

James 4:7, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

Revelation 12:10-11, "10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."

C. SING BECAUSE THE LORD IS IN OUR MIDST (ZEPHANIAH 3:15)

Matthew 18:20, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Hebrews 13:5, "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

II. WHY SHOULD WE STAND? (ZEPHANIAH 3:16-17)

A. STAND BECAUSE GOD IS IN OUR MIDST (ZEPHANIAH 3:17)

Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Matthew 28:19-20, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

B. STAND BECAUSE GOD IS MIGHTY (ZEPHANIAH 3:17)

Colossians 1:16-17, "16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist."

Isaiah 40:12, "Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?"

Proverbs 30:4, "Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?"

C. STAND BECAUSE GOD WILL SAVE YOU (ZEPHANIAH 3:17)

Hebrews 11:6, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

III. WHY SHOULD WE SLACK NOT? (ZEPHANIAH 3:16)

A. SLACK NOT BECAUSE GOD REJOICES IN THE SALVATION OF MEN (ZEPHANIAH 3:17)

Luke 9:56, "For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village."

B. SLACK NOT BECAUSE GOD RESTS IN HIS LOVE TOWARD THE FAITHFUL (ZEPHANIAH 3:17)

C. SLACK NOT BECAUSE GOD SINGS A SONG JUST FOR US (3:17)

Numbers 24:10-11, "10 And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he smote his hands together: and Balak said unto Balaam, I called thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast altogether blessed them these three times. 11 Therefore now flee thou to thy place: I thought to promote thee unto great honour; but, lo, the LORD hath kept thee back from honour."