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Zephaniah Seek

Seek Humility

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Zephaniah's emphasis was humility. His purpose was to help us humble ourselves before God.

1. Why do we _____ humility? (1:12-15)

2. How do we _____ humility? (2:1-3)

3. What is _____ by humility? (3:11-12)

Isaiah 55:6-7 ⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. ⁷Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Zephaniah's preaching condemned the hopeless corruption found in Judean society. He pointed out the need for repentance based on the fact that God's love was still calling His people to humility and faithfulness.

1. Read Zephaniah 1:12-15. Compare with Joel 2:1-11 and Amos 5:18-20. When read together, what picture do they present about "the day of the Lord"?

2. Read Zephaniah 2:1-3. With the words "Seek the Lord", Zephaniah is encouraging those who humble themselves before God to hold firm in their faith. Zephaniah calls the repentant people the "humble of the land". How do the following passages shed light on this expression, which is also translated as the "poor of the land"?

Matthew 5:3

Psalms 76:9

Isaiah 11:4

Amos 8:4

3. Read Zephaniah 3:11-12. The Lord has promised to shelter all those who humbly trust in Him. This type of trust casts out self-reliance, guile, and deception.

Joel 3:16

Nahum 1:7

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