

Zephaniah 3:14

by Chuck Smith

The sermon emphasizes the love and joy that Jesus Christ will bring to the world when He returns to set up His Kingdom.

Scripture: Psalm 32:7, Psalm 147:11, Isaiah 9:6, Zephaniah 3:14, Matthew 11:28, Luke 19:38, John 1:10, Romans 8:38-39, 1 John 4:18, Revelation 21:3-4

Topics: "God's Love", "Joy in the Kingdom"

Description

Chuck Smith explores Zephaniah 3:14, emphasizing the joy and celebration that will accompany the coming Kingdom Age when God dwells among His people. He highlights the response of the people, which includes singing and rejoicing, as they experience the removal of judgment and the casting out of enemies. Smith describes God as mighty and loving, rejoicing over His people with joy and singing, illustrating the depth of His love and the peace that comes from resting in it. He encourages believers to recognize the perfect love of Jesus, which casts out fear and brings joy, and to anticipate the joy of being loved by God in a personal way. The sermon culminates in the beautiful image of Jesus singing love songs to His people, a reflection of the intimate relationship believers can have with Him.

Transcript

"WHEN GOD SINGS"

Intro: The prophet here is looking ahead to the coming Kingdom Age. That time we have been praying for each time we prayed, "Thy Kingdom come...on earth."

I. "THE KING OF ISRAEL YAWEH IS IN THE MIDST OF THEE."

A. The response of the people.

1. Singing.

2. Shouting.

3. Gladness and rejoicing.

B. The benefits to the people.

1. Judgment has been removed.
2. The enemy has been cast out.
3. They will not see evil again.

II. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE KING.

A. Yaweh thy God in the midst of thee is mighty.

1. One of the titles ascribed to Jesus in prophesy of

Isaiah: "The mighty God."

2 Once again it will be as John said, "He was in the world, and the world was made by Him." "In the beginning was the Word.. all things..."

a. The eternal God, the creator of the universe

will dwell in the midst of His people to reign

as King over the earth.

B. "He will save."

1. For years the world has been teetering on the brink of disaster.

a. We are closer to the brink than ever.

b. Government has become so inefficient and

cumbersome, so as to impose an intolerant

burden upon the people.

(1. I speak of the national debt and proposed continued deficit spending.

(2. Spending money for military is bankrupting the world.

(3. Why must we spend so much on the military?

2. You ask, "What is the solution?"

a. I don't believe there is any outside the return

of Jesus Christ to set up His Kingdom.

1. Once again the cry, Hosanna.

C. "He will rejoice over thee with joy."

1. Oh how much Jesus loves you.

a. As you come to talk with Him or share, He will be rejoicing over you with joy.

b. No one has ever loved you as much as He.

2. This is no doubt the joy that was set before Him that gave Him the capacity to endure the cross.

D. "He will rest in His love."

1. When love is not a complete love, there is fear. A restlessness.

a. "Perfect love casts out all fear, he that..."

2. Characteristics of that perfect love are joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness...

3. How we need to learn to rest in His love, now.

a. Wonderful things in the Bible I see, this is the dearest, that Jesus loves me.

b. Look what He has done to prove His love.

c. We seem so insecure about love. "Do you love me?"

1. If you are ever prone to doubt His love, just look at the cross.

E. "He will joy over thee with singing."

1. Here is this Hebrew word, "gil" again, "Spin around for joy."

2. Can you imagine Jesus singing love songs to you?

a. Why is it that the thought of such a thing thrills and excites me so much.

3. I have sung many love songs to Him, but to have Him
break out in a love song to me, do you know what that
is going to be? Heaven.

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