Zephaniah

Introduction – Part III

{Sunday, February 5, 2012 A.D.}

Does God really care about the holiness of His people????

Zephaniah's name – "The LORD hides/protects"

Zephaniah's main theme – The Day of The LORD

HOLINESS:

1 Peter 1:14-16 (NASB95)

14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts *which were yours* in your ignorance, 15 but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior; 16 because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

Ephesians 1:4 (NASB95)

4 . . . He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him.

Romans 12:1-2 (NASB95)

1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 8:29 (NASB95)

29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

1 John 2:3-6 (NASB95)

3 By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; 5 but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: 6 the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

WRATH/JUDGMENT/JUSTICE:

Acts 17:31 (NASB95)

. . . He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."

Revelation 20:11-15 (NASB95)

11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. 12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one *of them* according to their deeds. 14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. 15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

2 Corinthians 5:10 (NASB95)

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Hebrews 9:27 (NASB95)

27 And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this *comes* judgment,

GRACE:

Propitiation:

Romans 3:22-25 (NASB95)
. . . *the* righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction;
[23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [24] being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; [25] whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith.
. . . so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

1 John 4:9-10 (NASB95)
[9] By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. [10] In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

Imputation:

Romans 4:1-25 (NASB95)
. . . "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS." [4] Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. [5] But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness, . . . [16] For this reason *it is* by faith, in order that *it may be* in accordance with grace, . . . [23] Now not for his sake only was it written that it was credited to him, [24] but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, [25] *He* who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

Freedom:

Romans 6:6-7 (NASB95)
[6] knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *Him,* in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; [7] for he who has died is freed from sin.

REJOICE:

Luke 10:20 (NASB95)
[20] "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven."

1 Peter 1:3-9 (NASB95)
[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, [4] to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, [5] who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. [6] In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials , [7] so that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; [8] and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, [9] obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

Revelation 19:7-8 (NASB95)
[7] "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." [8] It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright *and* clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

- **God's people are to seek Him for shelter amidst judgment and His promise of eventual perfected salvation**
    - Call to a **Sacred Assembly:**
    - Call to **petition to be hidden:**
        - by God's grace/mercy from God's righteous wrath/justice
    - Call to **rejoice:**

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