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Series: The Story, Ch. 7, Pt. 6

Sermon: Distress, Desolation, Darkness... Delight

Text: Zephaniah 1-3

Sermon Outline:

1. God's judgment begins with God's people. (1:1-2:1-3)
2. God's judgment extends to all people. (2:4-3:8)
3. God's judgment of his people brings delight to his people. (3:9-20)

Conclusion: Judgement resulting in justice is sweet.

Discussion Questions:

1. Andy mentioned that he takes no pleasure in speaking about God's judgment on mankind. But he must share ALL that is true. How should we speak about God's judgment to others?
2. Read Zephaniah 1:4-6. If someone says they serve God and something/someone else, what would it say about whether or not they truly serve God? Is it possible that this may be true of your life?
3. Read Zephaniah 1:12. Do you ever find yourself thinking that God is uninvolved and disengaged from our day to day affairs? What are the dangers in living as God does not notice or does not care?
4. Read Zephaniah 1:14-18, 3:8, and 2 Peter 3:10. The future day of the Lord is a day where God will bless His children and punish His enemies. This life should be lived in such a way with that day in mind. How often do you consider that this day is coming? Should you consider that day yearly, monthly, weekly, or daily? Explain.
5. Read Zephaniah 3:17. How is this verse a great verse to mediate on to the point of memorization? How would your mind work, your heart feel, and your conduct change if these promises were your hope?