

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

Major Lessons from Minor Prophets – Part 9

The Day of the Lord (Zephaniah)

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies entitled Seek the LORD and Live! –Major Lessons from Minor Prophets. Our topic today: The Day of the LORD (Zephaniah – Yahweh hides)

New Scripture Song: “Seek the LORD while He may be found” – Isaiah 55:6-7

Prayer

- 1) The setting
 - a) 2 Kings 21:1-6, 16
 - b) 2 Kings 22:1-2
 - i) 2 Kings 22:5, 10-11,
 - ii) 2 Kings 23:1-8
 - iii) 2 Kings 23:24-25
 - c) God appointed Zephaniah as a prophet during the reign of Josiah: Zeph 1:1
- 2) Zephaniah’s prophecy about the Day of the LORD
 - a) Zeph 1:2-18
 - b) Zeph 3:1-4
 - c) Did this prophecy of Zephaniah come prior to the revival of Josiah’s reign, during, or after?
 - i) 2 Kings 23:26-27
 - d) What warning might God bring to His church today?
 - e) A warning about impending judgment is not always popular. Why is this warning message still needed today? Revelation 14:6-7
- 3) Zephaniah’s appeal
 - a) Zephaniah 2:1-3
 - b) What is involved in seeking the Lord? Isa 55:6-7
 - c) Why is a spirit of humility so essential?
 - i) Matthew 5:3
 - ii) Psalm 25:8-9
 - iii) 1 Peter 5:5b-6
 - iv) Nothing is apparently more helpless, yet really more invincible, than the soul that feels its nothingness and relies wholly on the merits of the Saviour. By prayer, by the study of His word, by faith in His abiding presence, the weakest of human beings may live in contact with the living Christ, and He will hold them by a hand that will never let go.” MH 182
 - d) How have you experienced the truth of this promise in your own life?
- 4) Rejoicing in the LORD’s faithfulness
 - a) Zephaniah 3:14-17
 - b) What other promises in Scripture remind us of God’s faithfulness in caring for His children?
 - i) Lamentations 3:22-26
 - ii) Isaiah 62:5
 - iii) Other texts?
 - c) How have you experienced God’s faithfulness in your life?