

WHEN BAD NEWS IS GOOD NEWS

Nahum 1:1-15

- The Lord's JEALOUSY brings about His VENGEANCE. 1:1-3a
- The Lord powerfully uses His CREATION for His purposes. 1:3b-6
- The Lord is simultaneously a good REFUGE for those who trust Him, but a fierce PURSUER of His enemies. 1:7-10
- The Lord's judgment will be His people's VICTORY. 1:11-15

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1. Have you ever gotten news that you thought was bad news that turned out to be good news?
2. How do you understand God's jealousy? How is it a right and good thing? See Exodus 20:5, 34:14, Num 25:11, Deut 4:23-24, Eze 39:25, Isa 48:10-11
3. Read Nahum 1:1-3. How is God's jealousy related to God's vengeance?
4. How should we think about our vengeance and God's vengeance? Psalm 94:1-7, Deut 32:35-36, Romans 12:19-21, Heb 10:30-31, Prov 20:22, Mat 5:38-42
5. In Nahum 1:3-10, how is God described? What stands out to you? Is this good news or bad news?
6. Read Nahum 1:11-15. Do you see God's judgment of Nineveh as representative of God's final judgment on the earth? Why or why not?
7. How is it that God's judgment was His people's victory in Nahum's day? How is this true in the cross, and how will it be true when Jesus' returns?
8. Looking back through this passage, how does bad news become good news? What makes the difference? How does this encourage you?