

NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK

Nahum 3

God judges UNJUST and IDOLATROUS nations. (w 1-4)

God's judgment shows humanity's... (w 5-7)

SHAME (w 5-7)

PRIDE (w 8-10)

POWERLESSNESS (w 11-13)

FUTILITY (w 14-15)

God's judgment should be CELEBRATED. (w 16-19)

We see the GOSPEL on full display through the JUDGMENT of God's ENEMIES.

further up, further in

1. What are your thoughts so far on the book of Nahum? How have you been encouraged by it? How have you been challenged?
2. Consider the reasons for the pronouncement of judgment on Nineveh in Nahum 3:1-4. Is God justified in judging Nineveh? What does the whoring of Nineveh look like practically? Do we see any of that in Israel throughout history? In America? In ourselves? Ezekiel 16:35-43; Ezekiel 23 (vv 11-21 as a sample); Hosea 3:1; 4:12
3. Of the 4 major taunts against Nineveh (Nahum 3: 5-7; 8-10; 11-13; 14-15), which stands out the most to you? Which one is the most challenging to you? Are any of them tough to consider?
4. Read Nahum 3:5-7. Discuss the connection between nakedness and shame. Genesis 2:25-3:8; 9:20-24. How does "putting on Christ," relieve us of this? Romans 13:14; Philippians 3:9
5. In Nahum 3:19, we see that the people clap over the fallen king of Assyria. In what senses should the judgment of God be celebrated? Are there any considerations that may cause us to mourn at the judgment of God? Daniel 2:20-23; 44-45; Ezekiel 33:11; 2 Peter 3:8-13
6. Where do you see Gospel connections throughout Nahum 3? Consider our spiritual state before Christ according to Ephesians 2:1-3. Consider Luke 12:2-3 and the final judgment. Consider the sacrifice of Christ. Consider John 10:14-16 and Matthew 28:18-20 and the gathering of God's people.
7. In what ways has deeper study of Nahum changed the way that you approach it?

