SINNERS IN THE HANDS OF AN ANGRY GOD ZEPHANIAH 1:1-18

• The Lord will JUDGE the earth.

1:1-3

■ The Lord will judge the earth for false WORSHIP. 1:4-6

 The Lord's judgment expresses His <u>PERSONAL</u> and INESCAPABLE wrath.

1:7-13

We cannot be delivered from the <u>TERROR</u> of judgment by
 <u>EARTHLY</u> resources.



FURTHER UP. FURTHER IN

- 1. Do you think "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" is a good description of our situation? Why or why not?
- 2. Consider reading Zephaniah in 1 sitting in your home group. What stands out to you?
- 3. Read Zephaniah 1:1-6. What are the 4 areas of false worship that God is judging Israel for? How do each of these show up in our society and our lives?
- 4. In Zephaniah 1:7-13, how does the prophet invert the image of grace to make it an image of judgment? Why do you think he does this?
- 5. How do we see "practical atheism" throughout this passage? How does this show up in our world today?
- 6. How does Zephaniah's message compare to Peter's message in 2 Peter 3:7-14. What's similar? What's new? What encourages you from 2 Peter?
- 7. Why is it important to consider God's judgment? How can this help you as a Christian?
- 8. How do you see Jesus fulfilling the judgment described in Zephaniah1? How does this give you hope?

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