

SEEK AND HIDE

ZEPHANIAH 2:1-3

- The time to REPENT is NOW (vv 1-2)

- The FRUIT of REPENTANCE is humbly SEEKING the LORD (v 3a-c)

- Those who HIDE in CHRIST will be SAVED (v 3d)

FURTHER UP FURTHER IN

1. When you consider salvation, have you ever considered it to have an aspect of hiding? Do you think that is an apt description? Why or why not?
2. Consider some of the areas of false worship discussed last week (Zephaniah 1:4-6). Are there any areas of your life where you are (or have been) shameless? Where has your heart been calloused toward God?
3. Read Zephaniah 2:1-2. Discuss the urgent need for repentance. When have you felt this in your life? Matthew 3:7-10; Zephaniah 1:14, James 4:14
4. Consider the flood narrative of Genesis 6-8, Isaiah 10:20-22, Romans 11:1-6 (which quotes 1 Kings 19:18). How has God been faithful to preserve you as part of the remnant in your life? Have you gone astray and been brought back? Where have you seen this in history? Matthew 16:18
5. Zephaniah 1:3 implores us to seek the Lord, seek righteousness, and seek humility. In what areas of your life are you struggling to seek the Lord (family relations, job, marriage, etc)? Psalm 34:4-6. How can you seek righteousness in your life? What might prevent you from seeking righteousness? Matthew 6:33; Philippians 3:8-9. What does it look like to seek humility? Can you really “seek” humility? James 4:6
6. Zephaniah 2:3 says “...perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the anger of the LORD.” Does this bring you doubt or comfort? Does this intend to add conditions to our salvation? Philippians 3:11; Amos 5:15; 1 John 5:13; Romans 10:13; John 10:28-29
7. What does it look like to “hide” in Christ? Why do we need this hiding place? How can you feel secure in your hiding in your life? Exodus 33:21-23, Colossians 3:2-4

