

# The lcing on the Cake! Zephaniah 3:14-17 NLT



Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O Israel!
Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Zephaniah 3:14 NLT



For the LORD will remove his hand of judgment and will disperse the armies of your enemy. And the LORD himself, the King of Israel, will live among you! At last your troubles will be over, and you will never again fear disaster.

Zephaniah 3:15 NLT



On that day the announcement to Jerusalem will be,

"Cheer up, Zion! Don't be afraid!

Zephaniah 3:16 NLT



For the LORD your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs."

Zephaniah 3:17 NLT



### Since REJOICING is a Two-Way Street, Earn the Excitement!



"I will crush Judah and Jerusalem with my fist and destroy every last trace of their Baal worship. I will put an end to all the idolatrous priests, so that even the memory of them will disappear.

Zephaniah 1:4 NLT



## Repentance! Zephaniah 2:1-3 NLT



## Repentance! "Something's Wrong"



Gather together—yes, gather together, you shameless nation.

Zephaniah 2:1 NLT



Gather before judgment begins, before your time to repent is blown away like chaff.

Act now, before the fierce fury of the LORD falls and the terrible day of the LORD's anger begins.

Zephaniah 2:2 NLT



Seek the LORD, all who are humble, and follow his commands.

Seek to do what is right and to live humbly.

Perhaps even yet the LORD will protect you protect you from his anger on that day of destruction.

Zephaniah 2:3 NLT







#### **Confess Your Faults!**



What sorrow awaits rebellious, polluted Jerusalem, the city of violence and crime!

Zephaniah 3:1 NLT



No one can tell it anything; it refuses all correction.
It does not trust in the LORD or draw near to its God.

Zephaniah 3:2 NLT



## Relationship! Zephaniah 3:12-13 NLT



## Relationship! "Something's Missing"



Those who are left will be the lowly and humble, for it is they who trust in the name of the LORD.

Zephaniah 3:12 NLT



The remnant of Israel will do no wrong; they will never tell lies or deceive one another. They will eat and sleep in safety, and no one will make them afraid."

Zephaniah 3:13 NLT



### Relationship Repentance



#### **Cultivate the Friendship!**



## Righteousness! "Zephaniah 3:9 NLT"



## Righteousness! "Something's Required"



"Then I will purify the speech of all people, so that everyone can worship the LORD together.

Zephaniah 3:9 NLT

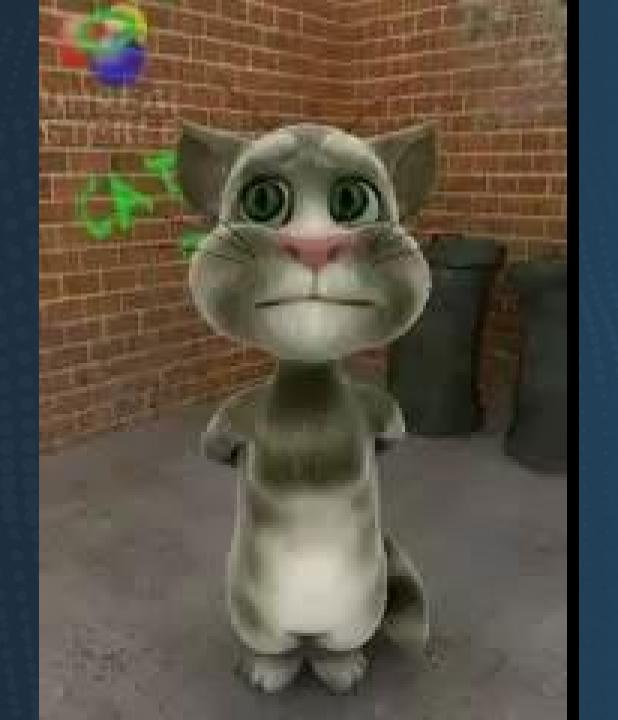


Righteousness

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### Correct What's Failing!



When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures,

**Galatians 5:19 NLT** 



idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division,

**Galatians 5:20 NLT** 



envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

**Galatians 5:21 NLT** 



## Responsibilities! "Zephaniah 3:3-5 NLT"



## Responsibilities! "Something to Do"



Its leaders are like roaring lions
hunting for their victims.
Its judges are like ravenous wolves at evening time,
who by dawn have left no trace of their prey.

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Its prophets are arrogant liars seeking their own gain.

Its priests defile the Temple by disobeying God's instructions.

Zephaniah 3:4 NLT



But the LORD is still there in the city, and he does no wrong.

Day by day he hands down justice, and he does not fail.

But the wicked know no shame.

Zephaniah 3:5 NLT



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### **Carry Out Your Calling**



### Rewards! "Zephaniah 2:18-20 NLT"



## Rewards! "Something to Enjoy"



"I will gather you who mourn for the appointed festivals; you will be disgraced no more.

Zephaniah 3:18 NLT



And I will deal severely with all who have oppressed you.

I will save the weak and helpless ones;

I will bring together

those who were chased away.

I will give glory and fame to my former exiles, wherever they have been mocked and shamed.

Zephaniah 3:19 NLT



On that day I will gather you together and bring you home again. I will give you a good name, a name of distinction, among all the nations of the earth, as I restore your fortunes before their very eyes. I, the LORD, have spoken!"

Zephaniah 3:20 NLT



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#### Claim His Favor!



## Rejoicing! "Zephaniah 3:14 NLT"



# Rejoicing! "Something to Celebrate"



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#### Celebrate our Savior!

