

MAJOR ON THE MINORS: FAITH IN THE PROPHETIC BOOKS

The Minor Prophets may be some of the most overlooked books of the Bible, but their messages are anything but minor. In this multi-week series, **Major on the Minors**, we'll journey through the lives and ministries of God's twelve prophetic messengers and discover how their stories intersect with our own.

Major on the Minors - Week 6: Nahum

Theme: Faith in Certain Victory
Key Text: Nahum 1:7-8
Big Idea: God is both a refuge for His people and a judge of wickedness.

Background

- Jonah witnessed Nineveh's repentance and God's mercy.
- About 100 years later, Assyria returned to violence, idolatry, and oppression.
- Nahum prophesies God's judgment against Nineveh and comfort for Judah.

I. The God of Mercy Is Also the God of Justice

Nahum 1:2-3

- God is patient, but He does not ignore sin.
- The same God who showed mercy in Jonah's day now brings judgment.

- "The billowing clouds are the dust beneath His feet."
- **We still serve the God of the whirlwind.**

II. God Is a Refuge for Those Who Trust Him

Nahum 1:7-8

- The Lord is good.
- The Lord is our refuge in trouble.
- The Lord is near to those who trust Him.
- God's protection for His people stands alongside His judgment of evil.

III. Victory Comes Through God's Power, Not Ours

Nahum 1:12-15

- God breaks the yoke of oppression.
- God defeats enemies that seem impossible to overcome.
- Our real battle is not political or personal.
- **Our enemy is sin, Satan, and deception.**

IV. Repentance Must Lead to Transformation

- Nineveh repented but later returned to wickedness.
- Salvation is more than a moment; it is a life of sanctification.
- Starting is important, but finishing matters.
- Genuine faith produces lasting change.

V. God Exposes the Pride of Nations and Leaders

Nahum 3:1-7

- God judges violence, corruption, and pride.
- Earthly powers rise and fall.
- Our trust belongs in God, not human leaders or systems.

VI. The Danger of Success and Complacency

- Past victories do not guarantee future faithfulness.
- Spiritual complacency is dangerous.
- Victory requires continued dependence on the Holy Spirit.

Closing Application

Celebration

Nahum 1:15

- Celebrate God's faithfulness.
- Give thanks for His victories in your life.

Comfort

Nahum 1:7

- God remains our refuge in every season.
- He is close to those who trust Him.

Joy

Nahum 3:19; Isaiah 12:2-3

- God gives victory and salvation.
- Our strength and song is the Lord.
- We can rejoice because God's victory is certain.

Key Takeaway

If you are in captivity, God is able to expose the lies of the enemy. If you are walking in victory, declare: "The Lord is my strength and my song; He has given me victory."