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## Knowing God through the Old Testament: Zephaniah

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### Today's Passages: Zephaniah

Zephaniah has one of the most life-giving, life-transforming revelations of the nature of God in the entire Bible. It's about how God sees us; God's countenance towards us.

If we can receive it as our true \_\_\_\_\_, it will bring supernatural growth, healing and overflowing fruitfulness.

**The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. Zephaniah 3:17**

*Can you receive that this is how God sees you and wants you to see Him?*

#### ***The Lord your God is in your midst...***

It reminds of the promise that Jesus said in John 14:23: **"we will come to him and make our home with him."** God has not left you as a spiritual orphan. You are never alone. The King is in your midst. We need to ask Him to help us increase our awareness of that reality.

#### ***A mighty one who will save...***

A more fun, but totally accurate, translation of "mighty one" is **warrior**. God is a warrior fighting \_\_\_\_\_ not against you. God thinks you are worth fighting for. If we ever doubt this, we need to look no further than the Cross as the final and ultimate answer as to whether God is fighting for us or against us.

#### ***He will rejoice over you with gladness...***

God's countenance towards you, especially through Christ, is that he rejoices over you with delight. When God interacts with you, his \_\_\_\_\_ expression is full of joy.

This is one of those biblical pictures of God that seem too good to be true, but is clearly reinforced in the description of our heavenly Father through the life of Jesus. For example, **"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."** Luke 12:32 This literally means, it makes God happy, to share every good thing he has with \_\_\_\_\_!

*Have you ever considered, what brings pleasure to the God of the universe?!*

#### ***He will quiet you by his love...***

God desires to "wrap his love around us" in a way that in the midst of chaos we can feel his affection that brings \_\_\_\_\_ to our souls.

#### ***He will exult over you with loud singing...***

This verse plainly states that the God of the universe sings over you.

If we can identify with joyful delight for our own kids and grandkids, we must remember the words of Jesus who effectively says that every ounce of goodness you have toward your children is but a tiny sliver compared to the infinite level of goodness that God has for you:

**"If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!" Matthew 7:11**

Let the picture of God singing over you re-paint the canvas of your soul: you make him want to sing, loudly!

In fact, it's more than just singing. The word "exult" is *gheel* which has the literal root meaning = to spin round (under the influence of any and intense emotion), i.e. usually rejoicing in exceeding joy, aka... \_\_\_\_\_!

Here's the most challenging part to receive... God "spins around under the influence of exceeding joy" as he jubilantly sings about... \_\_\_\_\_!

#### **Responding to God:**

*Can you receive that this is how God sees you and wants you to see Him?*

*Can you let these amazing truths about God's nature shape your identity?*

Answers: identity, for you, facial, you, rest, dancing, you