

One Crucial Step

That one crucial step that all people take every day, depending on its direction, will either compel or corrupt every other step we take...

Join me as we look in Zephaniah and apply it to everyday life in the kingdom of God.

"...Another point in Zephaniah that we want to bring out, notice in chapter two, chapter two, in verse number 11, this is one of those veiled pictures that probably would not be understood completely by an older testament group of people, but we see it in Christ, what he's done. Verse number 11, the Lord will be awesome. King James used the word terrible, right? That's the idea: the word terrible. has an idea of it. It's so the magnitude of it is so gripping that it grabs all your attention. And that's why they would use the word when a terrible thing happens to somebody, it usually gets their focus. So you take the positive side of it, we're talking about God's going to do something so awesome, that it's going to grab the affection and the attention of people. And this is what he said he's going to do, the Lord will be awesome to them, for he would reduce to nothing. All the gods of the earth would be noticed as small gods in the sense that the different idols and things that people around the world worship, he's going to reduce to nothing. People shall worship him, each one from his place, indeed, all the shores of the nations. So that saying, there's going to be a global sense, from worldwide, that people are gonna hear of his terrible or awesome deeds, and that he's going to reduce to nothing that they used to claim to, and they are going to worship Him and serve Him. That's a veiled picture what happens when we see Jesus, and I'll show you what I'm talking about Jeremiah spoke of it. So a great reference to that would be Jeremiah 16:19-21...

...And then notice that last phrase, instead, they rose early, and they corrupted all their deeds. That's an image right there. Man, to think about that, they rose early and corrupted all their deeds. What that is saying is that they rose early, and had the ambition to live. But they live life without seeking God. They did things without seeking Him first. They practice that whatever they did in life was polluted and corrupted because they didn't seek him first. They rose early and tackled the day, but failed to seek Him. And as a result, when anybody lives that way, you can't help but pollute your day. Your days are polluted because the number one thing he tells us to do is seek him first. So if you rise early, that's saying, Man, I get up, I'm ready to tackle what's before me. But they tackled it, without leaning on the Lord. Without seeking Him. I did it in their understanding, and that just corrupted everything they did. It polluted everything they did. And that's where we have to be careful of what does sound like today, people who have played have very little regard for what God has said, on how to live life. And just tackle every day with anticipation, delight with great joy. But none of it centered are rooted in hearing from the Lord first and seeking Him and boy that only can lead to devastation. Now, what that does is that everything we communicate, if we're not seeking

first, is corrupted, polluted, and a problem. And he's going to bring that out as an example. Look in verse number nine, of chapter three. For then our restored to the people what a pure, a pure town, a pure language, that they all may call on the name of the Lord to serve Him with one accord. That is God's going to purge and God's going to purify, and God's going to get rid of the corruption so that when people speak, no corrupt word comes off the lips of their mouth. That's exactly what Ephesians tells us. Let your words be of grace. And let no rotten word proceed out of your mouth. A rotten word is a polluted word, meaning it pollutes whatever it falls upon. And that's why we need to think let our words be of grace, let him be of God...

...And people will always be people until God does something different within them. And what separates us from the world that we live in, are five things. Number one, God revealed something to us, just like you did with Noah, Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. And that's the second thing. Whatever is going on in our life, that ain't of God, grace removes it. And then God's goodness, his ways, replace it. And then God's guidance shows us what to do next like he showed Noah how to build that ark for the saving of his household. So, whether it be forgiveness, you know, God's got to reveal it, grace has to remove the offense or the bitterness, his goodness must replace it. And then He guides us on how to reconcile. And then gratitude is that which is going to continue to refresh us to be able to reconcile with the world that we don't see eye to eye with, that we can work among and live among them because God's revealing, grace is removing, goodness is replacing, his guidance is renewing us from day to day. And then gratitude for all those things is what allows us to be peacemakers and reconcile in the world we live in. Doesn't matter what we face, or what we've been called to do, those five dynamics are always going to be involved in what we do, and that's going to separate us from a world that God hasn't revealed these things to; grace hasn't removed anything from them and his goodness, hasn't replaced it, and his guidance isn't renewing them. And gratitude is not at work for them to be reconcilers and peacemakers for the glory of God. And you can see that it separates us in and for every aspect of the kingdom life..."

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