

Daily Devotional, July 20, 2020

“The Lord, A Stronghold”, (Nahum 1:7, NKJV)

“The LORD is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble; And He knows those who trust in Him.” (Nahum 1:7)

Nahum had “a burden against Nineveh” (Nahum 1:1). God was about to let loose His wrath against the ungodly “bloody city” in Assyria (Nahum 3:1). Nahum was writing about 655 BC. Approximately 125 years earlier, in 780 BC, the prophet Jonah had preached to that same city of Nineveh, and then a great revival took place there (Jonah 3:1-10). That revival had the two components of genuine revival, preaching of God’s Word and widespread repentance of sin in those present. What constitutes a biblical revival has not changed. As evil as the days are, nothing is impossible with God. It could even happen here. Sadly, over time, the revival of 780 BC was forgotten by nearly all the people of Nineveh, except for a few faithful worshipers of God, to whom this Scripture is addressed. Our text is also an encouragement to the faithful remnant of believing Israel alive in that day.

Even in the midst of judgment, the believer can say that the Lord is good. How good indeed! For His Christ has come to reconcile sinners to Himself, at the cost of His own life! This is “the day of trouble” that we live in. The kinds of trouble vary, but surely “man is born to trouble, as the sparks fly upward” (Job 5:7). There is often no earthly place to find refuge. Consider this virus that is moving to and fro across the globe. Wouldn’t it be nice to get away from all mention of it? To go to a place where it is not, where it has no effect or power to disrupt our lives? There is a “stronghold” we can go to. God Himself. God “knows those who trust in Him.” And He shall forevermore be “our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (Psalm 46:1). God always considers His people for good. He always takes care of His remnant and preserves them. If you are a believer in Him through His Risen Son Jesus our God and Savior, then He knows you, and you are safe in Him today, and forever safe in His care.