

Daily Devotional, June 22, 2020

'Quieted by God's Love', (Zephaniah 3:17)

“The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”
(Zephaniah 3:17, NKJV)

The Book of Zephaniah is primarily a book that warns of impending judgment, specifically on the nation of Israel. Earlier in the book, we find references to Israel being gathered in unbelief, and experiencing “the day of the LORD’s anger”, which includes the judgments of the Tribulation period (Zephaniah 2:2). All of these judgments, and all of this wrath, represent the righteous judgment of God against unrepented for sin, and unrepentant sinners.

But there is good news for Israel, and good news for you and I. There is another regathering coming. Zephaniah and the faithful Old Testament saints looked forward to the day when Jesus “will save.” His work for the salvation of men is now “finished” (John 19:30). There remains a day coming in the future Millennial (Messianic) Kingdom when King Jesus will reign for all time from His throne in Jerusalem (Revelation 20:4-6).

Friends, this world is hard. It seems like every week, a new crisis arises. All is uncertain on this planet, and we are tempted to become anxious and on edge. That is, until we bow the knee to the only one to Whom we ought to take the knee (Exodus 20:5), Jesus Christ our Lord, God, and Savior. Then you will find peace in spirit, for “He will quiet you with His love.” Are you on edge today? Are you burdened with many cares and concerns. Take them to the Lord today in prayer. “He will quiet you with His love.” Friends, we know the end from the beginning. We have the Book. Those of us who believe have already been saved from the penalty of our sins, and have a place in God’s kingdom, called “Gladness” and “Singing.” There is divine presence to settle you here. The Lord is “in your midst.” Let us live for His glory, awaiting the great promises of future glory. What’s better than that!? Whatever’s got you consumed, concerned, or riled up today, let Jesus “quiet you with His love.”