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Zephaniah 3:9-20

Creating a World in Which to Flourish: Making Something Together

We become what we say (3:9-10)

“For at that time I will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that all of them may call upon the name of the LORD and serve him with one accord” (3:9).

“It is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person” (Matthew 15:11).

“Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person” (Colossians 4:6).

God’s forgiveness is complete (3:11-13)

“On that day you shall not be put to shame because of the deeds by which you have rebelled against me” (3:11).

“He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us” (Psalm 103:10-12).

Restored by God with singing (3:14-20)

“Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you...” (3:14, 15).

"Think of the great Jehovah singing! Can you imagine it? Is it possible to conceive of the Deity breaking into a song: Father, Son and Holy Ghost together singing over the redeemed? God is so happy in the love which he bears to his people that he breaks the eternal silence, and sun and moon and stars with astonishment hear God chanting a hymn of joy" (Charles Spurgeon).



The Lord
your God is with you
the Mighty Warrior
who saves.

He will take great
delight in you;
in his love he will no
longer rebuke you
but will rejoice over
you with singing.

Zephaniah 3:17

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