

The Great Day of the LORD: A Call to Repentance

Zephaniah 02:01–03

The call to repent

a. A summons to gather together and repent

- 1) Repent before the appointed judgment arrives
- 2) Repent before the LORD's fierce anger falls on you
- 3) Repent before the LORD's day of wrath comes

b. A summons to seek the LORD

- 1) Who are to seek:
The humble and the obedient
- 2) What they are to seek
 - To be righteous and humble
 - To be sheltered on the day of the LORD's anger

- 1 Gather together,
gather yourselves together,
you shameful nation,
- 2 before the decree takes effect
and that day passes like windblown chaff,
before the LORD's fierce anger
comes upon you,
before the day of the LORD's wrath
comes upon you.
- 3 Seek the LORD,
all you humble of the land,
you who do what he commands.
Seek righteousness,
seek humility;
perhaps you will be sheltered
on the day of the LORD's anger.

**The Great Day of the Lord:
God's Promise of an Astounding Day of Joy
and Blessings in the Future
Zephaniah 03:09–20**

1. *The lips of all people will be made pure: Cleansed morally and unified by one language*

- a. All will call on the LORD and serve together
- b. All true worshippers — both near and far — will bring their offerings to the LORD

2. *The people will no longer be put to shame because of sin*

- a. The LORD will remove the proud and arrogant
- b. The LORD will leave the meek and the humble, those who trust in the LORD

3. *The true believers (remnant) of Israel will live righteously*

- a. They will do no wrong
- b. They will not lie or deceive

4. *The people will live in prosperity, peace and security*

5. *The people will sing and rejoice with all of their hearts*

9 “Then I will purify the lips of the peoples, that all of them may call on the name of the LORD and serve him shoulder to shoulder.

10 From beyond the rivers of Cush my worshippers, my scattered people, will bring me offerings.

11 On that day you, Jerusalem, will not be put to shame for all the wrongs you have done to me, because I will remove from you your arrogant boasters. Never again will you be haughty on my holy hill.

12 But I will leave within you the meek and humble. The remnant of Israel will trust in the name of the LORD.

13 They will do no wrong; they will tell no lies. A deceitful tongue will not be found in their mouths. They will eat and lie down and no one will make them afraid.”

14 Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem!

- a. The LORD will take away
His hand of judgment
- b. The LORD will defeat
and cast out all their enemies
- c. The LORD will be their King
— live with and protect them
forever
- d. The LORD will remove
all fear of harm

**6. *The Lord will be with His people
and save them***

- a. He will take great delight
in and rejoice over them
- b. He will calm them with His love

**7. *The Lord will gather His people
for worship and remove
their sorrow due to lack of
religious freedom***

**8. *The Lord will deal severely
with all who oppress His people***

**9. *The Lord will restore His people
to the promised land***

- a. Save the weak and helpless
- b. Bring those driven away back
- c. Cause their oppressors
to honour them
- d. Bring them home —
back to the promised land
- e. Arouse all the people
of the earth to honour them

15 The LORD has taken away your punishment,
he has turned back your enemy.
The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you;
never again will you fear any harm.

16 On that day they will say to Jerusalem,
“Do not fear, Zion;
do not let your hands hang limp.

17 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.”

18 “I will remove from you
all who mourn over the loss
of your appointed festivals,
which is a burden and reproach for you.

19 At that time
I will deal with all who oppressed you.
I will rescue the lame;
I will gather the exiles.
I will give them praise and honour
in every land where
they have suffered shame.

20 At that time I will gather you;
at that time I will bring you home.
I will give you honour and praise
among all the peoples of the earth
when I restore your fortunes
before your very eyes,” says the LORD..