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Nahum

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Wretched Radio – on Grace Life Church



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WHY?

“The Lord is a jealous and avenging God; the Lord is avenging and wrathful; the Lord takes vengeance on his adversaries and keeps wrath for his enemies.”
Nahum 1:2

The above is the view of God that is often rejected and criticized, but this too is a picture of a “loving” God.

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The Minor Prophets

If you desire a god who overlooks sin,
then you do not want the God of the
Bible, you want sin and all that comes
with it!

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The Minor Prophets


God used Assyria to judge Israel and
then judged Assyria for their attacks
on Israel.
(and he remained just in doing so)

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Foundations

There is a small number of foundational doctrines
that allow us to answer a large number of
questions.



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- How was I able to be certain God remained just when he orchestrated the use of the Assyrians to judge Israel and then judges them for attacking Israel?
- Is God present in the Lake of Fire?
 - Omnipresence
- Does God allow evil things to happen?
 - Omnipotence
- Can God read our minds?
 - Omniscience

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Foundations

Teaching sound doctrine builds solid foundations, elevates God in our thinking, and informs our worship.

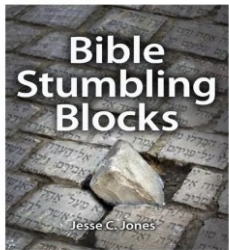


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Stumbling Stone?

God is love – while true, it is but one of God's Attributes.



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In Nahum's prophecy all hope for Assyria was gone – we are living in a day when it may well be that all hope is gone for America and for the same reason; rampant and unbridled sin.

But God always has a remnant for whom hope springs eternal.

We should not live in fear or despondency while God is still on his throne.

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Every Generation of Christians Thinks It Might Be the Last

By **Todd Wilson** - May 11, 2020



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The Minor Prophets

America could fall and then a hundred more generations rise and live in a post-Christian culture before the Lord returns.

I fear some Christians in America may be in danger of ceasing to live because they are certain Jesus is coming back tomorrow.

“Occupy ‘til I come”

Jesus Nazareth

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- Nineveh is an example of a people who had worn out their welcome with God's patience. They had simply sunk too low.
- Nahum 3:19 There is no easing your hurt; your wound is grievous. All who hear the news about you clap their hands over you. For upon whom has not come your unceasing evil? ESV
- Assyria's neighbors applauded as the Babylonians came in and devoured them!

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- Yes, God is patient, kind, gracious, and long-suffering, but there are limits to his patience.
- When the time comes that one has resisted too long, and has gone too far from God, (and only God knows) he will seal that person's fate.
- As in all things there is difference in outcomes between God sealing the fate of an unrepentant Christian and God saying, "your time is up" to the sinner.

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The Past is Often Prologue

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Romans 1:24 Therefore **God gave them up** in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves.

Romans 1:26 For this reason **God gave them up** to dishonorable passions.

Romans 1:28 And even as they refused to have God in their knowledge, **God gave them up** unto a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

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• Chapters 2 and 3 are about God’s judgment on the Assyrians – despite their utter evilness it is not easy to read what awaits them.

• Just as God used the godless Assyrians to judge godless Israel, he will use the godless Babylonians to judge the godless Assyrians.

• Just as Amos warned Israel, “prepare to meet thy God” Nahum will now announce to Nineveh, “prepare to meet the God of Israel”.

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• Nahum 3:1 Woe to the bloody city, all full of lies and plunder— no end to the prey! **(they never had enough)**

• Nahum 3:3 Horsemen charging, flashing sword and glittering spear, hosts of slain, heaps of corpses, dead bodies without end. **(they showed no mercy)**

• Nahum 3:5 Behold, I am against you, declares the Lord of hosts, and will lift up your skirts over your face; and I will make nations look at your nakedness and kingdoms at your shame. **(they will be humiliated)**

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- In Nahum 3:12 the Lord belittles their fortresses comparing them to ripe figs that fall with the slightest breeze. (pushovers)
- In Nahum 3:13 the Lord belittles Nineveh’s armies by calling their soldiers “women”. (weak)
- In Nahum 3:17 The Lord declares their leaders to be self-promoting and useless. (gone when needed)

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“We need to understand that God is glorified just as much in his wrath as he is in his grace!”

All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; Psalm 145:10

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If God sends a message of doom, you may still be able to repent, but it better be now!

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