

ZEPHANIAH ENCOURAGED PEOPLE

SESSION 9



Text Truth: **God loves people and wants them to obey Him.**

Bible Verse: **Call on the name of the Lord and serve Him.**

Zephaniah 3:9

Bible Verse Paraphrase: **Call on God and serve Him. Zephaniah 3:9**

ZEPHANIAH

Zephaniah was a prophet who lived in the country of Judah. Zephaniah loved God and told people what God wanted them to hear and do.

Zephaniah told the people that God would punish them. Zephaniah knew about the things the people did while bad kings ruled in Judah. Zephaniah saw kings build altars to worship idols (false gods). The bad kings caused the people to go away from God.

Zephaniah told the people to obey God's commands and serve Him. Zephaniah told the people to gather and seek God. "Carry out what God commands you. Do good and be humble. Don't be prideful," said Zephaniah.

It was a bad time, but Zephaniah wanted to encourage the people. Zephaniah wanted people to understand that everyone must obey God. Zephaniah told the people that God would get rid of all their idols. God would stop the people who chose to disobey Him and not follow His laws. One day all the people would worship God and know His love. God would be with the people and bless them.

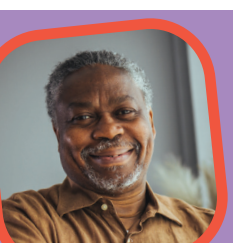
"God loves and rejoices in His people," said Zephaniah. When the people turned back to God, He would be with them and help them.

For Kids
and
Parents

Love & Serve

Zephaniah told God's people to love, obey, and serve God.
God loved the people and wanted to bless them.

Who does God love? Match the pictures.



How can people serve God?

Love God.

Worship God.

Obey God's laws.

Pray to God.

Show God's love to others.

Do what is right and good.

Call on God and serve Him.

Zephaniah 3:9