

Advent Week 2  
**Zephaniah 3:1-13**  
*When God Purifies His People*  
**Study Questions**

Share what the Four Weeks of Advent represent to you.

1. Hope:
2. Peace:
3. Joy:
4. Love:



**Read Luke 2:25-38**

**34** And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed **35** (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

Can you see the clear connection between the prophecy of Zephaniah and this fulfillment spoken of by Simeon? Explain.

After hearing the examples of humility of some of Christ's followers and of Christ Himself, does this encourage you to pursue humility? If so, what are some ways you can do this?

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God says, "I will remove from your midst your proudly exultant ones," (Zeph. 3:11). Why is pride such an affront to God? Why is it such a hindrance?

Do you struggle with pride? If so, read Prov. 16:5, 18, and James 4:6; how does pride affect our ability to live in peace with one another and with God?

If you need to (I know I do) confess the sin of pride, look for ways to serve others, because I believe this is one of the best remedies for being focused on self.