

“When I restore your fortunes”

Zephaniah 3:18-20

Reflecting on relevancy...



1. Imagine being an Israelite, during Old Testament times, who lived in a rural area... and traveled 3x / year to Jerusalem to celebrate the “appointed feasts” – Passover, Day of Atonement, etc. Do you think you would have enjoyed those “road trips”? Why or why not?
2. Read **Zephaniah 3:18**. Evidently, the people’s participation (or lack of!) in these feasts had become a source of sorrow & shame. How do you think the Israelites might have fallen short in observing these holy celebrations? What is the LORD saying He will do about their sorrow?
3. Read **Zephaniah 3:19-20**. What does the LORD say He will do for His people? In light of this description of how God will restore His people... what would you say about a church that makes people feel at home, honored, and even praised?