

**WHERE IS GOD?  
ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20 / 12-22-19 / AM**

**I. FIRST, GOD DELIGHTS IN US.**

- A. Too many people think that God is angry with them or judges them.
- B. Zephaniah, however, says God's attitude toward you is very different--3:17b.

**Zephaniah 3:17b**

.....**He will take great delight in you.....**

- 1. In fact, Zephaniah says every time God thinks of you He breaks out in song--3:17c.

**Zephaniah 3:17**

.....**He will take great delight in you.....He will rejoice over you with singing."**

- 2. What kind of a song does God sing about us? A love song because God loves us--3:17.

**Zephaniah 3:17**

..... **in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."**

**II. SECOND, GOD TAKES CARE OF US.**

- A. How does God take care of us? By meeting our needs, both physical and spiritual needs—Phil. 4:19.
- B. Zephaniah says God gives us three things that we really need.

- 1. God gives us forgiveness--v.15a.

**Zephaniah 3:15**

**The Lord has taken away your punishment... For what? Our sin!**

- 2. God protects us from those who wish to harm us.—15b.

**Zephaniah 3:15b**

**The Lord has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy.....**

- 3. God gives us peace—17c.

**Zephaniah 3:17c**

**...He will quiet you with His love... ”**

**III. GOD HAS PLANS FOR YOU.**

- A. Listen to the plans God has for you—Zeph. 3:20.
- B. Another O.T. prophet speaks about God's plans for you--Jer. 29:11.
- C. God's plans are always better than our own plans—Proverbs 3:5-6.