

Food for Thought

For the week of July 25, 2010
(Questions and Scriptures for further personal study)

Our midweek Community Groups are on their summer break. They will resume the week of September 19! But if you've got a craving for open discussions about how the Bible relates to your everyday life, come to the class on Sunday mornings @ 9am.

1. Read Jonah 3:10.
- How do you account for God's change of heart? In other words, what does this say about God's will?
2. Read Micah 6:8.
- Think of a relationship struggle you are currently having. Which of these three listed requirements will help resolve the issue?
3. Read Habakkuk 2:4, Romans 1:16-18, Galatians 3:10-14.
- How does Paul use these passages to speak to you today?
4. Read Zechariah 9:9, 12:10, 13:7.
- In what ways is Jesus foretold in each of these verses?
5. Read Malachi 4:5-6.
- This last prophecy in the OT speaks of John the Baptist. The last part of verse 6 is interesting. Do you suppose if the Israelis rejected John it would have lead to further silence from God for Israel? Maybe even a "putting off" of the messiah for us?

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THRU THE BIBLE sermon series
Sermon #5
Isaiah - Obadiah

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The Heartland Promises

The Prophets (part 2)

Jonah

- Prophet to Nineveh 775 BC (capital of Assyria - in modern day Iraq).

God's Promise of a Second Chance

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time - Jonah 3:1

☛ *Jonah is the great message of God's patience.*

Micah

- Prophet in Israel 735-710 BC.

God's Promise of Pardon

He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. - Micah 6:8

☛ *Micah teaches us that only the life of God within you can fulfill the requirements God puts on us.*

Next Week: "Crossing the Great Divide" Matthew - Acts

Nahum

- Prophet to Nineveh 625 BC.

God's Promise That He Does Not Change

☛ Nahum reveals God's Character, namely that He isn't fickle like us.

Habakkuk

- Prophet to Judah 625 BC.

The Promise of God's Ultimate Answers

The righteous will live by his faith - Habakkuk 2:4b.

☛ Habakkuk teaches us how to maintain faith & hope, during periods of adversity & trouble.

Zephaniah

- Prophet to Judah 630 BC.

God's Promise of Hope for the Humble Righteous

*Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land,
you who do what he commands.
Seek righteousness, seek humility;
perhaps you will be sheltered
on the day of the LORD's anger.*
- Zephaniah 2:3

☛ Zephaniah helps us understand God's jealousy.

Last 3 books of the OT were from the prophets after the Babylonian captivity

Haggai

- Prophet to Jerusalem 520 BC.

God's Promise of Material Blessing

☛ Haggai reveals Your physical & material well-being can never be fully realized apart from God.

Zechariah

- Prophet to Jerusalem 520-514 BC.

The Promise of the 2nd coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

☛ Zechariah gives you hopeful reassurance about the end of time.

Malachi

- Prophet to Jerusalem 433 BC.

The Promise of God's Responsibility

*But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness
will rise with healing in its wings* - Malachi 4:2a

☛ Malachi teaches us that God had revealed His love for His people.