

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

1-21-18 Ken Carlton

Title: SUPREME JEALOUSY

Main Text: Nahum 1:1-8

Aim: TO AMPLIFY THE BEAUTY OF SALVATION CONSIDERING THE ALTERNATIVE.

Sermon Description: Nahum is the sequel to Jonah in many ways. The calling of this prophet was to proclaim the imminent judgement Nineveh would not escape and doubly deserved. The revival sparked by Jonah’s preaching in this great city likely lasted no more than a generation – some 30 years or so. Jonah prophesied during the reign of Jeroboam II (782-753 B.C.) (II Kings 14:23-28). The notorious warmonger Tiglath-Pileser assumed the throne of Assyria in 745 B.C. A true contrast to the king who lead city-wide repentance upon the word of God delivered through Jonah. In fact Assyria invaded the northern kingdom of Israel soon after in 722 B.C.. Nahum's ministry begins as God's patience with Nineveh wains around a century after their apostasy and the city utterly falls to fulfillment of the prophet's words after 150 years of so. Nineveh is ransacked in 612 B.C. By the Medes and Babylonians. Assyria has been used as an instrument of chastisement for the unfaithful people of God but now she will answer for her wickedness and the Lord will use the eventual oppressors of the southern kingdom of Judah to accomplish this, yet they too will one day meet a jealous God in their own demise. The book of Nahum reminds us even today that the boundaries of God’s patience are encountered at the borders of His people... so we best take refuge in Him!

Heading: ...NAHUM INTRODUCES THE RECKONING LORD BY HIS...

1. CHARACTER TRAITS (Nahum 1:1-3a)

- a. Righteous jealousy
- b. Poetic emphasis
- c. Justice references

2. POWER DISPLAYS (1:3b-6)

- a. Commanding the untamable (Gen 1:6-10)
- b. Choking out life (Ex 7:20)
- c. Collapsing the immovable

3. COVENANT DISTINCTIONS (1:7-8)

- a. Goodness and wrath
- b. Taking refuge (Mk 4:39, 11:20-25, Mat 27:51-54)

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Divine jealousy	Power display	Covenant line	Sea and tree	Rocks split	Next week
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Nah 1:1-3	Nah 1:3-6	Nah 1:7-8	Mk 4:39, 11:20-25	Mat 27:51-54	Nah 1:9-15

FURTHER STUDY: see 'Excerpts' posted weekly at providencecrosslake.com

NEXT WEEK: ...Nahum 1:9-15...