REJOICING IN HOPE: UNDERSTANDING AND APPLYING ZEPHANIAH

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Lecture 1:

Seek the Lord Together to Avoid Punishment (Zeph 1:1–3:7)

- 1. The Context of the Call to Revere God (1:2–6)
- 2. The Makeup of the Call to Revere God (1:7–18)
- 3. Characteristics of the Day of the Lord
 - a. The Day as Cataclysm
 - b. The Day as Conquest
 - c. The Day as Sacrifice
 - d. Christ as the Agent of Yahweh's Final Day
- 4. The Substance of the Savior's Invitation to Satisfaction, Stage 1: Seek the Lord Together (2:1–3:7)
 - a. The Charge to Bundel Together in Submission to the Lord (2:1–2)
 - b. The Charge to Seek the Lord in Righteousness and Humility (2:3–4)
- 5. A Proper Response

Lecture 2:

Wait for the Lord in order to Enjoy Satisfying Salvation (Zeph 3:8–20)

- 1. The Substance of the Savior's Invitation to Satisfaction, Stage 2: Wait for the Lord (3:8–10)
- 2. Promises to Motivate Waiting for the Lord (3:11–20b)
- 3. Christ's Saving Work and the Church Age as Initial Fulfillment of Zephaniah's Day of Yahweh
 - a. Recognize that Christ's sacrificial death initiates the day of the Lord for the elect.
 - b. Recognize that the Church fulfils Zephaniah's hopes for a single reconciled community from every tribe and tongue.
- 4. A Proper Response

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