

Zephaniah

The Lord Sees and will Judge,
He Spares and will Sing!

1. Many Enemies and A Remnant

Zeph2:4-15

2. God Exposes the Enemy in Us Zeph3:1-8

**Learn: God works through and against
enemies as part of His sparing work !
(Study of God and Enemies)**

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(A Theology of Enemies)

- ▶ V4-7 A Place of Peace
- ▶ V8-11 The Enemy's Words
- ▶ V12 His Far Reach
- ▶ V13-An Enemy Doing Well

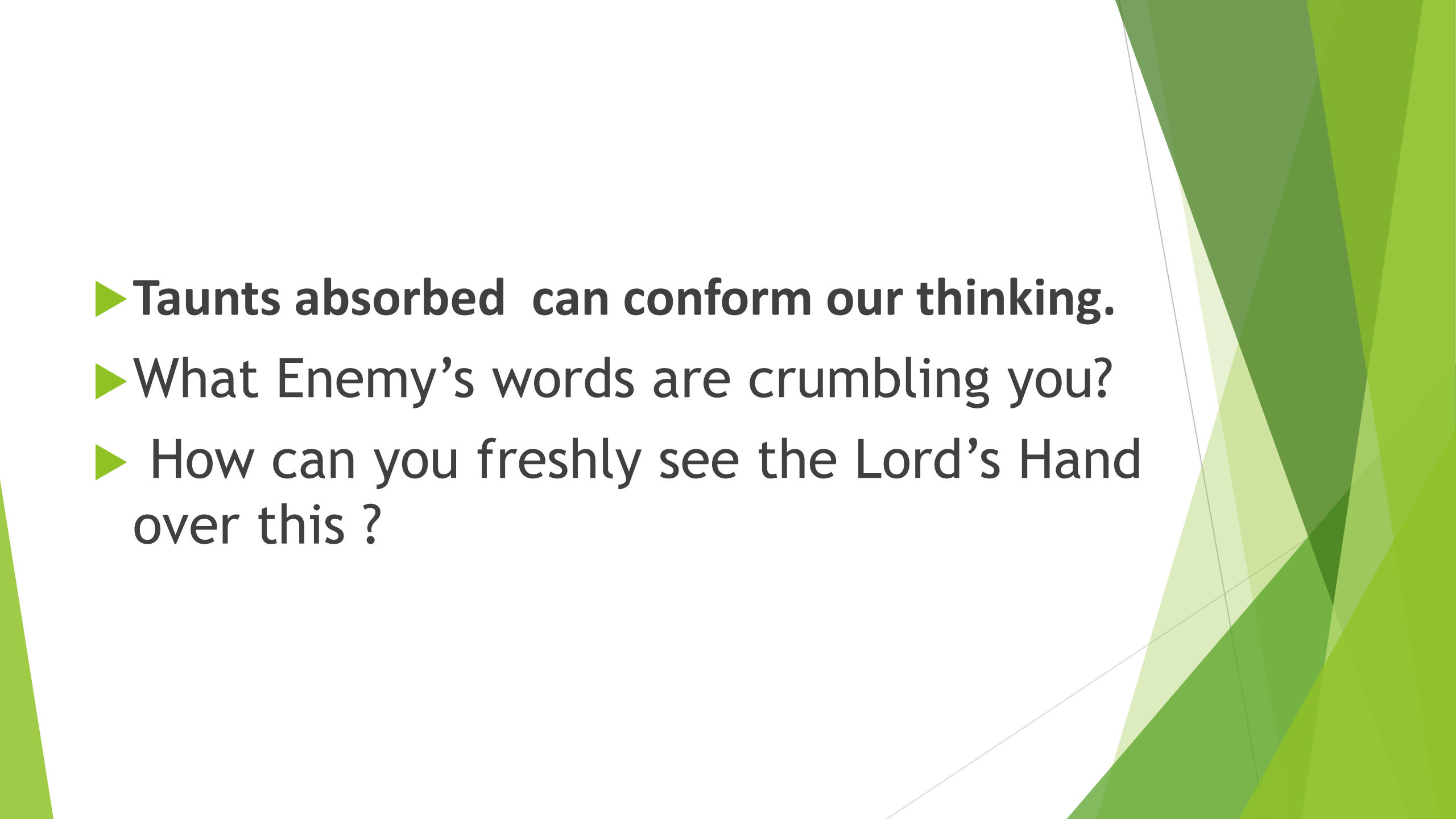
V4-7 A Place of Peace

- ▶ **Enemy: Philistines (Long time enemy)**
- ▶ **A Remnant: A (Small) righteous group who trusts the Lord are given provision and hope.**
 - ▶ 2 Kings 19:30 - And the surviving remnant of the house of Judah shall again take root downward and bear fruit upward.
 - ▶ 2 Kings 19:31 - For out of Jerusalem shall go a remnant, and out of Mount Zion a band of survivors. The zeal of the LORD will do this.

V8-11 The Enemy's Words:

- ▶ **Moab and Ammonites**
- ▶ **Taunted Judah, Yet Judah absorbed their Idolatry**



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- ▶ **Taunts absorbed can conform our thinking.**
 - ▶ What Enemy's words are crumbling you?
 - ▶ How can you freshly see the Lord's Hand over this ?

V12 God's Far Reach : Cush

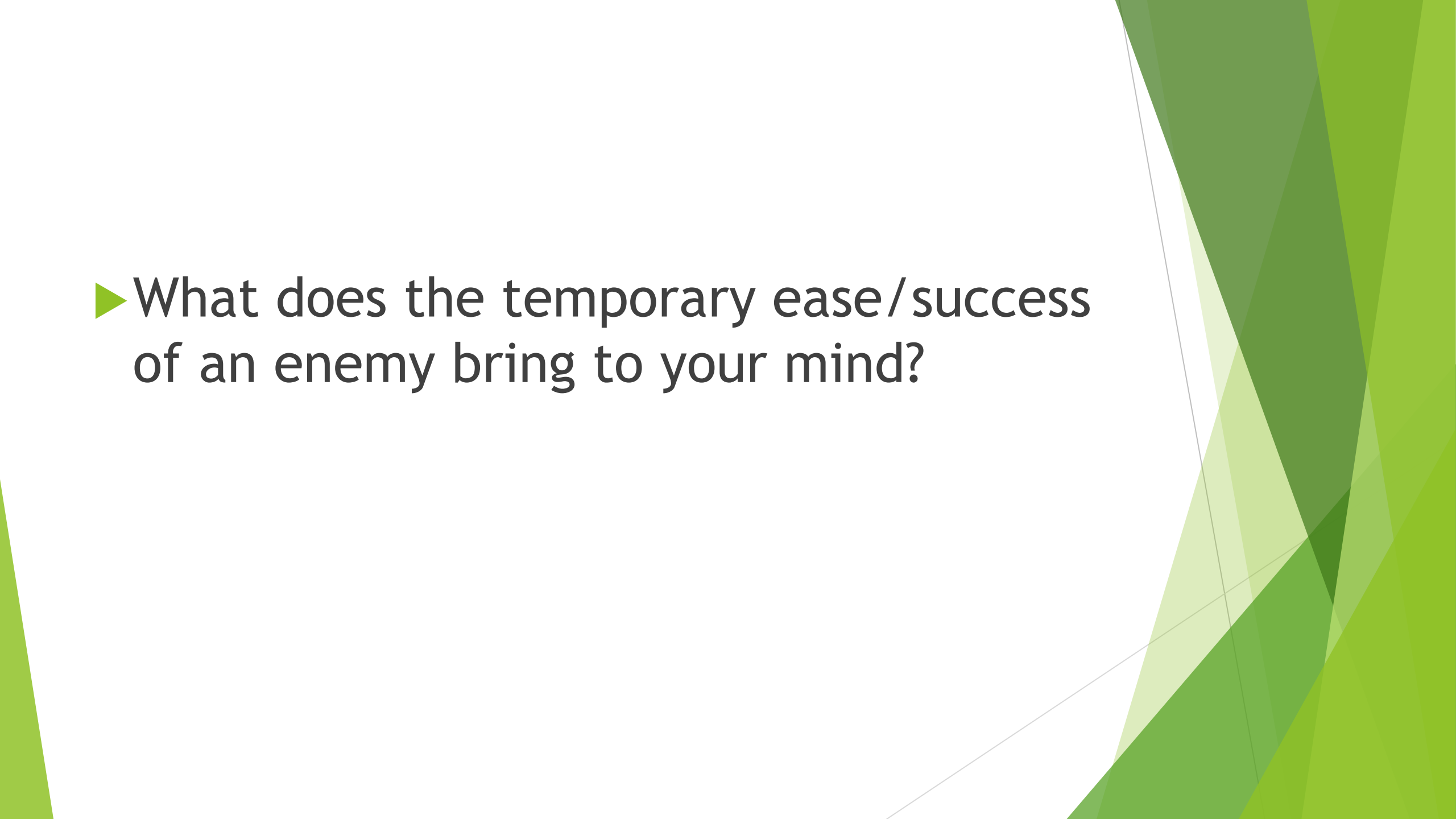
► Will see God's Sword (Babylon)



V13-15 The Enemy's Good Life

► Assyria : Capital Nineveh



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- ▶ What does the temporary ease/success of an enemy bring to your mind?

2. God Exposes the Enemy, it is in Us Zeph3:1-8

- ▶ Judah: Rebellious and Defiled
- ▶ Corrupt Courts and Self-Serving Leaders
- ▶ Unashamed
- ▶ God's Work over the Nations should Change Judah (and us)

Psalm 73:21-26

²¹ When my soul was embittered,
when I was pricked in heart,

²² I was brutish and ignorant;
I was like a beast toward you.

²³ Nevertheless, I am continually with you;
you hold my right hand.

²⁴ You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will receive me to glory.

²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

An Enemy: Provision to Check and Change our Heart for God!

Learn: God works through and against enemies as part of His sparing work !

- ▶ Believers:
 - ▶ Do the Taunts of the world mold your thinking or help you See the Lord More Clearly?
 - ▶ Where are you embittered against the temporary success of the world instead of seeing eternal things?
 - ▶ Your Enemy is in the Hand of the Lord: Are you Brick or a Tree?
- ▶ Those Who have Not Yet Trusted Christ:
 - ▶ Will you repent of your sin/ worldliness and look to Jesus who Died to save His enemies Rom 5:8.

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