

He Faileth Not

Introduction:

A. Zephaniah is not a book written to comfort Israelites:

1. Sinful people
2. Rebuked and warned
3. Doom is approaching

B. Comfort for the righteous

[Zephaniah 3:5](#)

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The just LORD is in the midst thereof; he will not do iniquity: every morning doth he bring his judgment to light, he faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no shame.

C. God will never fail you

I. God will never fail YOU IN His Power:

A. His power is pledged in Christ to work on our behalf:

1. [Romans 8:28-32](#) - God planned it that way

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And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

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For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

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Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

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What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

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He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

2. [Hebrews 6:13-18](#) - Two immutable things oath and counsel.

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For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself,

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Saying, [Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.](#) Gen 22:17

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And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

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For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife.

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Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:

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That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

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3. [Galatians 3:7](#) - they which are of faith

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Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

B. But has your faith begun to fail?

[James 1:5-8](#)

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If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

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But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

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For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

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A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

C. Think about maturing in the Lord:

1. David spent some long days and nights waiting.

a. [Psalm 13:1-4](#) - How long, O Lord?

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How long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

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How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?

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Consider and hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;

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Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; and those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

b. But He trusted

[Psalm 13: 5,6](#)

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But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

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I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

2. [James 1:2-4](#) - making you perfect

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My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

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Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

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But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

II. God will never fail YOU IN His Wisdom:

A. We often ask why?

1. Why do the wicked prosper?

[Psalm 73:2, 3](#)

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But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped.

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For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

1. So much suffering?

B. God is wiser than us. What a comfort!

1. [I Corinthians 1:25](#) - The foolishness of God:

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Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

a. Saul of Tarsus - [Acts 9:26](#) - Many wondered if this man really was a Christian

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And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.

Would God save him? - Yes - [I Timothy 1:15](#)

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This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

b. Jesus' humble birth

2. [Proverbs 28:26](#) -

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He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.

3. [Romans 1:22](#) - By human wisdom man rejected God

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Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

1. There are many things we just don't understand, know, yet!

1. [I John 3:2](#) - Beloved now we are the sons of God buy more revealed later

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Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

2. [John 16:12](#) - I have yet many things to say unto you

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I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

3. [Mark 13:32](#) - when Jesus will return has not been revealed

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But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

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3. [Daniel 12:9](#) - words are closed up but much to be revealed

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And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

III. God will never fail you In His Love:

A. What a great love God has for us

[Phillippians 2:5-8](#)

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Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

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Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

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But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

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And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

[Hebrews 12:2](#)

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Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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[I John 4:16-18](#)

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And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

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Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

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There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

B. Cause Him to employ power and wisdom:

1. [Deuteronomy 7:8](#) - because God loved them

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But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

2. [John 3:16](#) - because God loves us

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For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

3. [Romans 5:8](#) - Jesus is the demonstration of God's love for us

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But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

4. [Ephesians 2:4-6](#) - rich in mercy, for His great love

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But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

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Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

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And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

C. His love never fails

[Jeremiah 31:3](#)

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The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

[I Corinthians 13:13](#)

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And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Conclusion:

A. Nothing stays the same

B. [Hebrews 13:8](#) - what a comfort

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Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

C. So many things fail

d. God will never fail you

e. Are you failing God?