

Glimpses of Glory

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MESSAGE

Watch the sermon. As you watch, use the outline to follow along or take notes on anything that stands out to you.

NOTES

Knowing God's plans for the future teaches us how to live in the present. Scripture gives us glimpses of glory that God has in store for us in the future to encourage us to live rightly in the midst of earthly chaos and problems and to remind us that our eyes should be pointed heavenward.

What does the future hold for those who trust in Jesus, according to Zephaniah 3:9-13?

God's complete restoration (v. 9-10)

- God will make everything alright. One day, everything will be restored to its original perfect condition.
- Helping people get back into working order for God is what the church is about.

Sinners are no longer ashamed (v. 11)

- We feel guilt for what we did and shame from who we are.
- 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
- Being forgiven for our sins frees us from guilt and shame, but it is not a license to continue sinning.

The humble wins at the end (v. 12)

- God humbles the proud.
- Matthew 5:5 says, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

- Humility has nothing to do with temperament. It has everything to do with *attitude*.

Perfect peace in our cleansed hearts (v. 13)

- The Lord will give you a glorified body, with no sin nature anymore.
- Past sins can never be used against us.
- In this cleansed condition we find peace and security.

REFLECT and DISCUSS

1. Take a few minutes to talk about the message.
 - What part of the teaching had the most impact on you?
 - Do you look forward to the Day of the Lord? Why or why not?
2. Is there anything in your life that is making you feel guilty and ashamed? Have you confessed it to the Lord? If not, what is hindering you from doing so?
3. Why is the attitude of humbleness so important in one's life? Do you believe the statement, "In myself, I am nothing; In God I am everything?" Explain your answer.
4. How do you understand peace? Is there any uncleansed sin in your heart that is keeping you from finding peace?

PRAYER

Close your time together with prayer.