

Worship Guide

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Jesus is better.

Devotion: Obadiah

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God used Obadiah to demonstrate through his words and ultimate deed the power that only he possesses and the destruction that the pride of man causes.

The people of Edom we are told in verse 3 “Your arrogant heart has deceived you. You who live in clefts of the rock in your home on the heights, who say to yourself, “Who can bring me down to the ground?”

Looking at the book of Obadiah as a whole, I think we get to see the pride in these descendants of Esau really take root in their hearts. They had come to believe they were untouchable. God had allowed these people, during this time, to become fairly strong and, from a sheer geographical perspective, they had the high ground! They should have been able to withstand any enemies that wanted to attack them. God had allowed these people to really thrive, in some ways, where they were but their arrogant hearts deceived them. We see in verses 10-14 that they had allowed the people of Judah to be mistreated, to be taken advantage of, and then, even when the people of Israel were at their weakest, the people of Edom came in and further mistreated them.

The response that God says he will bring is terrifying for those nations that wronged God’s people. Verses 5-9 give this grim picture of how thieves and marauders would leave some things when they came in and stole from you, but when God is finished they would have wished it had been just thieves and marauders. EVERYTHING would be taken from them. He promises that Edom’s allies would betray them and there would be traps laid that would leave them in shambles. The second half of the book promises that the descendants of Esau would be no more. It promises that God would wipe them out, that the house of Jacob would continue on and multiply but these descendants of Esau would be killed off because of their pride; because they took advantage of God’s people even when they were mistreated and hurting.

The final section of this book gives us this glimpse into the fact that God will restore his people. He will take his remnant and give them the lands, he will bless them with many things and rule over all. This promise comes after promises of judgement and harsh action against those that had rebelled, those who had chosen their own pride over God’s ways.

Edom’s arrogance led them to believe they were untouchable. They believed that they could get away with whatever they wanted and wouldn’t face the consequences because of how much they had accomplished to this point.

Do you resort to pride and arrogance in your daily life and in your approach to issues in life because you have had success to this point?

Do you believe that your current fortresses (job, money, notoriety, position) protect you from bad things, or do you realize that your plans, your fortresses, your success can end in a moment?

Devotion: Obadiah (cont'd)

God's promise for his people in the end of this book are not simply that these Israelites would own land again, it's a promise that God is going to rule and reign over all nations. He sent Jesus to usher in a new kingdom, to come defeat death and sin. God's justice and his destruction of these people are declarations to us that no fortress, no stronghold, no kingdom can stand against God. The hope that we need is found in the person of Jesus. The response of God's people is a humble posture of worship before a Holy, all powerful God. God's power and his justice are beyond what we can even fathom. This brings to light how great God's love was for us when he sent Jesus. When pride and arrogance bring us to a point where we believe that we are exempt from or not deserving of God's judgement against evil, we forget the goodness of Jesus and our desperate need for his sacrifice to restore what we have broken.

Do you live more like you have earned something, or have figured out a way around God's judgement, or are you living in such a way that declares that Jesus is your hope?

Do you treat others, especially those who are hurting and are mistreated like the people of Edom, as undeserving of your mercy? Or do you treat them as if you have been given much even when you were undeserving?

Order of Service

Great Are You Lord

Artist: All Sons & Daughters

Passing the Peace*

Call to Worship

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Forever Reign

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Prayers of the People

Doxology

**Explanations of these elements below*

Great Are You Lord

*You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
And great are You, Lord*

***It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only***

*You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore (You restore)
Every heart that is broken
And great are You, Lord*

***It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only***

*And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord
(Repeat 3x)*

*Satisfy us in the morning with your faithful love
so that we may shout with joy and be glad all our days.*

Psalm 90:14

Passing the Peace

“Christian worship is filled with profound actions: heads bowed in prayer, arms raised in praise, standing in reverence during a Scripture reading, coming forward to give an offering. One ancient and significant gesture in worship is the passing of the peace.

Passing the peace is a tradition rooted in Scripture that embodies our identity as peacemakers (Matt. 5:9; 2 Cor. 5:20) and trains our hearts, hands, and tongues in the ways of peace.

The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity (Col. 1:20-21).

What’s more, in the midst of divisions we symbolize our unity through handshakes and hugs (Eph. 2:14-21). Likewise, when we regularly pass the peace we practice God’s call to make every effort to maintain the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3).

Forever Reign

*You are good You are good
When there's nothing good in me
You are love You are love
On display for all to see
You are light You are light
When the darkness closes in
You are hope You are hope
You have covered all my sins*

*You are peace You are peace
When my fear is crippling
You are truth You are truth
Even in my wondering
You are joy You are joy
You're the reason that I sing
You are life You are life
And you death has lost its sting*

***Oh, I run into your arms
I run into your arms
The riches of your love
Will always be enough
Nothing compares to your embrace
Light of the world
Forever reign***

*You are more You are more
Than my words will ever say
You are Lord You are Lord
All creation will proclaim
You are here You are here
In your presence I'm made whole
You are God You are God
Of all else I'm letting go*

*My heart will sing
No other name, Jesus, Jesus
My heart will sing
No other name, Jesus, Jesus*

But you, O Lord, reign forever; your throne endures to all generations.

Scripture Reading

"Our God longs for honesty and holiness within the promise-based relationship God has established with us in Christ. In a culture that avoids talk of sin and culpability, regular prayers of confession foster honesty and openness in our relationship with God. Just as a marriage cannot flourish without honest confession, so our marriage-like relationship with God cannot flourish unless we freely and honestly express all facets of our life: hopes, fears, sins, desires, thanksgiving, and praise. Blessed by God's providence, we don't offer our prayers of confession in a spiritual vacuum with a remote hope that some god or higher power will listen and forgive. We confess sin in the context of the covenant Lord's love shown to us through Jesus Christ."

Faith Alive Christian Resources; Calvin Institute of Christian Worship. The Worship Sourcebook, Second Edition . Faith Alive Christian Resources. Kindle Edition.

Scripture Reading

*How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of the herald,
who proclaims peace,
who brings news of good things,
who proclaims salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns! "
The voices of your watchmen —
they lift up their voices,
shouting for joy together;
for every eye will see
when the Lord returns to Zion.
Be joyful, rejoice together,
you ruins of Jerusalem!
For the Lord has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord has displayed his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations;
all the ends of the earth will see
the salvation of our God.*

*See, my servant will be successful;
he will be raised and lifted up and greatly exalted.
Just as many were appalled at you —
his appearance was so disfigured
that he did not look like a man,
and his form did not resemble a human being —
so he will sprinkle many nations.
Kings will shut their mouths because of him,
for they will see what had not been told them,
and they will understand what they had not heard.*

Isaiah 52:7-10; 13-15

Come as You Are

*Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy oh sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal*

***So lay down your burdens; lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home, you're not too far
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart
Come as you are***

*There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure*

***So lay down your burdens; lay down your shame
All who are broken, lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home, you're not too far
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart
Come as you are***

*Come as you are
Fall in his arms
Come as you are*

*There's joy for the morning
Oh sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal*

***For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a
lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes
with the morning.***

Psalm 30:5

The Little Things

*You are the God of the little things
The little things of this world
A blade of grass and a fading flower
The little things my Lord*

***But what of me and my broken dreams
What of man and his soul
Was it really just a little thing
To make your little ones whole***

*You are God of the little things
The little things of this world
The hearts of kings and warriors' schemes
Are still little things to you Lord*

***But what of me and my broken dreams
What of man and his soul
Was it really just a little thing
To make your little ones whole***

*A king's heart is like channeled water in the Lord's hand:
He directs it wherever he chooses.*

Proverbs 21:1

The Heart of the Prophets: Nahum

We are currently in a series through the Minor Prophets. Each week, we will learn about the heart (that which lies at the center) of each Prophets message to Israel and what that means for us.

In order to make it through all of the Minor Prophets this summer, we'll be including a written devotion in this worship guide each week to cover a book that will not be preached on.

It is our prayer that this series and the accompanying devotions will help you better understand God's Word for us and help us to live in a way that honors Him.

To help you prepare for this week's sermon in Nahum, please view the video linked below for a helpful overview from our brothers and sisters at The Bible Project.

(Download their app while you're at it. This is an incredible resource and gift to the Church)

Visit this URL: bibleproject.com/explore/video/nahum

or Scan this QR code with your phone



The overview drawing is included below for your own reference. Feel free to print it and let your kids color it during Sunday worship or while you watch the overview video as a family.



ADDRESSES THE TRAGEDY OF VIOLENT OPPRESSION & HUMAN SUFFERING IN HISTORY

GOD IS GRIEVED BY THE DEATH OF THE INNOCENT
 GOD'S GOODNESS & JUSTICE COMPEL HIM TO ORCHESTRATE THE DOWNFALL OF OPPRESSIVE NATIONS etc....

NAHUM

NAHUM IS PORTRAYING NINEVEH'S FALL AS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW GOD WON'T ALLOW VIOLENT EMPIRES TO ENDURE. (SEE DANIEL)



A COLLECTION OF OLD PICTURES ANNOUNCING THE DOWNFALL OF ASSYRIA & NINEVEH (SEE ZEPHANIAH 1:1-2)
ASSYRIA RISE AND FALL
 *612 BC
THE POINT:

2 THE FALL OF NINEVEH

THE OVERTHROW OF THE CITY

3 ASSYRIA'S DOWNFALL

ASSYRIA
 "COME TO THE CITY FULL ON INNOCENT BLOOD!" (3:1)

BABYLON
 "PEOPLE CLAP AT YOUR FALL, FOR WHO HASN'T FELT YOUR PERENNIAL CRUELTY?" (5:18)

ASSYRIA
 VIOLENCE SOWS THE SEEDS OF ITS OWN DESTRUCTION

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11-0 GOD APPEARS TO JUDGE EVIL AMONG THE NATIONS

ASSYRIA BABYLON PERSIA GREECE ROME etc....

15 THE FATE OF THE NATIONS

10-11 NAHUM MENTIONS NINEVEH IN ch.1

15 "GOOD NEWS" FOR THE REMNANT = ISAIAH 52:7

15 "THE LORD IS GOOD, A REFUGE IN THE DAY OF DISTRESS. HE CARES FOR THOSE WHO TAKE REFUGE IN HIM." (1:7)

15 "GOOD NEWS" FOR THE REMNANT = ISAIAH 52:7

15 THE FATE OF GOD'S FAITHFUL REMNANT

SIMILAR TO MICAH ch.1 & HABAKUK ch.3

"THE LORD IS SINGING TO ANGER & GREAT IN POWER, & HE WON'T LEAVE EVIL UNPUNISHED." (1:3) (QUOTING EXODUS 34:6-7)

15 FALL OF BABYLON (ISAIAH 10:12-14)

O Come to the Altar

*Are you hurting and broken within?
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling*

*Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling*

**O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ**

*Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today, there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling*

*Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes, a new life is born
Jesus is calling*

**O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ**

*Oh, what a Savior
Isn't He wonderful?
Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen
Bow down before Him
For He is Lord of all
Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen*

*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will
give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,
for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for
your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

Matthew 11:28-30

Goodness of God

*I love You, Lord
For Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God*

***And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God***

*I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In the darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God*

***And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God***

*'Cause Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
'Cause Your goodness is running after
It's running after me*

You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart.

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, & Holy Ghost
Amen*

Announcements

NEW

Men's & Women's Bible Studies

More info coming soon...

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Gift Card Drive

We need **grocery store** gift cards to help supply
Refuge for Women with food for new residents!

**Drop off gift cards in the lobby on Sunday
mornings throughout the month of July!**

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Women