

The Day of the Lord #6  
**As Good As It Gets**

**Word**

**Scripture Reference**

Zephaniah 3:14–20

**Discussion Questions**

1. Describe what your perfect day looks like.
2. Your perfect day will eventually come to an end, but the day of the Lord is a perfect day that will never end, as described by the prophet Zephaniah. Read Zephaniah 3:14-20. After seeing the glimpses of God's glory in the previous verses, verses v. 14-20 tell us that there is going to be a great celebration. How does verse 14 describe this celebration? Discuss the many celebrations we take part in and compare it with the kind of celebration Zephaniah is talking about. Is there such a thing as fake or manufactured joy in the Day of the Lord?
3. Zephaniah tells us three reasons why we will celebrate with exuberant, natural joy in the Day of the Lord. First is because the day of the Lord is the day of God's eternal presence (v. 15). For a believer, it is a great joy to know that God will always be with His people and that we will be able to commune with Him face to face. What does verse 15 say that the Israelites will no longer experience in their lives? Share with the group how you feel about the fact that on the day of the Lord, all your problems will go away and you will be able to enjoy His eternal presence. Discuss the reasons why some Christians are not looking forward to the day that the Lord will come back and will never leave again. How can this wrong attitude be remedied? How does deeply loving the Lord play a big part in your celebration?
4. The second reason why the day of the Lord is a day of celebration is because it is a day of God's rejoicing (v. 16-17). God will pour out His infinite and unconditional love to His people, so great and with such

gladness that it will render them speechless. God will be so proud of His redeemed that He will praise and honor them. Share with the group about a time when God's manifestation of love toward you rendered you speechless. How does the affirmation that God is proud of you and will sing over you make you feel? What is the reason why God will be proud and rejoice over you? Is there anything you're afraid of right now that hinders you from seeing this blessing of being with the Lord? Share and discuss how you can overcome that fear as the Israelites did.

5. The third reason why the day of the Lord is a day of celebration is because it is a day of God's rewarding (v. 18-20). Many Jews couldn't come back for their appointed feast because they were exiled and too far away from home. They longed to be back and were so homesick. God promises that He will bring them home. Why will God bring them home to a place of praise (v. 20)? How does God's promise to the Jews in the Old Testament echo to the redeemed in the New Testament, and to the believers today (2 Corinthians 5:10)? Have you ever felt like you don't belong? What does Scripture say about how believers should fit in this world? Where is our real home? How should this encourage you to live your life right now?

**Walk**

There will indeed be a grand celebration in the day of the Lord, because of God's eternal presence, God's rejoicing over us, and God's rewarding when He brings us home. The sovereign God says it will happen, and if He said it, it will come true because God cannot lie. Think of why the day of the Lord will be the perfect day for you. How should the day of the grand celebration for the redeemed transform the way you live your life in this world?

**Worship & Prayer**

*Father, sometimes I fear dying because of what I will leave behind, but thank You for Your assurance that the day I meet You face to face is not one to fear, but one to look forward to, because You'll welcome me with open arms and I finally get to be with You forever. I don't deserve that honor, but Your Son has paid the price, and so my heart sings, "Onward to the prize before us; soon His beauty we'll behold. Soon the pearly gates will open; we shall tread the streets of gold. When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be, when we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!" May how I live my life today honor You and bring You glory, in Jesus' name. Amen.*