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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

September 23, 2013

Rejoicing with My Father

ZEPHANIAH 3:17 NLT – (17) For the LORD your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With His love, He will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs."

It is great to have people to love us in spite of our failures and imperfections.

Zephaniah 3:17 is a magical verse that assures us of the deep passionate love of God for us. We need to take this verse and grasp it with both hands. We need to breathe it in and savor it like we would the smell of a Sunday roast. We need to let it roll around in the taste buds of our minds.

God delights in saving His people. It brings Him pleasure to rescue us from our suffering and pain and bring us to Him. This is one of the primary reasons He sent His son to die on the cross for our sins - He has a great delight in saving us. He desires to bring salvation to us.

God desires for us to be alone with Him and no other false gods. He is judging Israel for their worship of Baal, the heavens, and Milcom, which was another name for Molech, God of the Ammonites (**Zephaniah 1:4-5**). God does not delight in sharing us with others. **Exodus 20:4-5** says, "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God." He wants His people for Himself.

SCRIPTURE READING

PROVERBS 23:19

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God wants Spiritual fruits, not religious nuts!

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