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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

A Call To Repent

ZEPHENIAH 2:1-3 NLT – (1) Gather together—yes, gather together, you shameless nation. (2) Gather before judgment begins, before your time to repent is blown away like chaff. Act now, before the fierce fury of the LORD falls and the terrible day of the LORD's anger begins. (3) Seek the LORD, all who are humble, and follow his commands. Seek to do what is right and to live humbly. Perhaps even yet the LORD will protect you - protect you from his anger on that day of destruction.

The prophet calls to national repentance, as the only way to prevent national ruin. A nation not desiring, that has no desires toward God, is not wanting of his favor and grace, has no mind to repent and reform, not having any thing to recommend to God; to whom God might justly say, depart from me; but instead he says, "Gather together to Me that you may seek my face." We know what God's decree will bring against unrepentant sinners, therefore; it highly concerns all to repent in the accepted time. How careful should we all be to seek peace with God, before the Holy Spirit withdraws from us, or ceases to strive with us; before, the day of grace is over, or the day of life; before our everlasting state is determined! Let all seek the Lord, and seek to understand and keep his commandments better, that they may be more humbled for their sins. The chief hope of deliverance from national judgments rests upon prayer.

The Apostle Paul reminds us that we must not live like beasts, as we do not die like them. It must be our ignorance of God that leads any to disbelieve the resurrection and future life. Let us not be joined with ungodly men; but warn all around us, especially children and young persons, to avoid sin as a deadly disease. Let us awake to righteousness, and not sin.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:34 NLT – (34) Think carefully about what is right, and **stop sinning**. For to your shame I say that some of you don't know God at all.

SCRIPTURE READING

LAMENTATIONS 3:40-41

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

If you can't stand the heat, believe in Jesus.

