

CARTHAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

MARCH 8, 2020

Founded by Christ---Grounded in His Word---Committed to His Love

Zephaniah: 4 Easy Steps to Hell (Part 1)

How To Go To Hell in Four Easy Steps:

Perhaps you are scratching your head and wondering just what this title implies. Does it suggest that a prophet of God taught people how to get to hell? Actually, it does... well, sort of! Zephaniah lived and worked during the reign of Josiah. Josiah was one of the few kings that truly turned to the Lord. He instituted sweeping, nation-wide religious reform, casting down idols and destroying the high places where people worshipped false gods. However, Josiah's reforms, although fervent, did not effect any lasting change in the morality of the people. Zephaniah was sent by God to the nation of Judah to encourage the people to repent.

In Zephaniah 3:1-2, the Prophet Zephaniah stated, "Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city! She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the LORD; she drew not near to her God." His message is simple, "Notice what is about to happen to Nineveh and the other great nations. (Zephaniah 1:8 - 2:15) Watch God's judgment in action and take note as to why it is happening." In chapter 3:2, Zephaniah lists four simple steps that would lead to Jerusalem and Judah's downfall.

Today even you, like the people of Jerusalem, can complete these four simple steps and have your place reserved - for all eternity in "the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone..." (Rev. 21:8).

"Obey not the voice." Ignore the commandments of God. Don't read or study the Bible. Skip worship. Be lazy.

"Receive Not Correction." Develop a prideful attitude. Don't let others tell you that you are wrong. Get mad when they try to correct you. Tell them: "That's just your interpretation." Or, stick your fingers in your ears and yell "Nah, Nah, Nah, Nah, Nah!"

"Trust Not In The Lord." Develop a lack of faith and trust in God. Exemplify this attitude by your worship of materialism. Trust in the "Almighty Dollar." Spend the Lord's money on the Lottery. Call Dr. Laura for help, forget about the Bible - it is irrelevant to modern man.

"Draw Not Near To God." Place no value in fellowship with the Lord. In fact, run as far from Him as you can. Be an atheist. Be an agnostic. Become apathetic.

Jack McNeil

Assignments for this week:

Sunday AM: 3-8-2020:

Announcements: Takota Anderson

Greeter: Sampson

Opening Prayer: Bill Talley

Lord's Supper: Josh Clements

Charles Baker

Richard Lyons

Chandler Marks

Scripture Reading: Nathan Miller

Closing Prayer: Jeremy Jadwin

Song leader AM: Alan Cook

Communion to Shut ins: Johnson

Sunday PM: 3-8-2020:

Opening Prayer: Charlie Baker

Closing Prayer: Pete Durham

Song Leader: Gary Beach

Wednesday: 3-11-2020:

Song Leader: Steve Teel

Devotional: Harold Chayer

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Tennessee tornado victims and the ones that are recovery from injuries and for the families of the ones that were killed.

Ron Gibson: cancer

Vicki Fieker's husband Ron:

Health issues

Tammy Aggus: friend of **Johnsons:**

Liver cancer

Robin Thompson (sister of **Lindia**

Kisling): blood cancer

Malcolm Scott: preacher at the

Pea Ridge (AR) Church of Christ: cancer/heart issues

Sharolet Trease (sister of **Charlie Baker**): cancer

Ben Quade (brother-in-law of **Bev Baker**) undergoing cancer treatments.

Priscilla Lorton: Health issues

Jo Shrum: illness/falls

Barb Durham's sister-in-law's sister: cancer and her (Barb's) sister.

Kathy Brewer: Health issues

Elders:

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John Johnson 417-434-0754

Worship Times:

10:20 AM Sunday

6:00 PM Sunday

Bible Class:

9:30 AM Sunday

7 PM Wednesday

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Supported Works:

Fair Haven Children's Home

Search Program

Gary Reaves

House to House

Weekly Record:

Sunday AM Worship: 91

Sunday PM Worship: 38

Wed. Night Class: 56

Contribution: \$3014

Dates to Remember:

3/8 Fellowship Lunch

3/14 Youth: games and pie

3/28 Sampson Anniversary

reception at Phelps House (2-4pm)

4/5 TSYS @ Miami, OK

4/12 Easter (No fellowship Lunch)

**Fair Havens
Children's Home
Pantry List for
March:**

Cake mixes, icing, pie fillings, microwave popcorn, cooking spray, pork & beans, spices, egg noodles, spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, Manwich, trash bags (13 and 33 gallon), spam, shampoo, and taco sauce/seasonings.

*Let your Light
so Shine before men,
that they may see your
good works, and glorify
your Father which
is in Heaven*
- Matthew 5:16

If you would like to monetarily help the victims of the tornadoes in Tennessee, give your check or money to Steve Teel today.