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Replaying God's Ancient Prophetic Voices – Zephaniah Old Testament's Heart

Summary: What is the Old Testament about? The repetition of sin and failure can get monotonous and confusing. What is the goal? What is the solution? How can a people be changed? Zephaniah gives us the heart of the message of the Old Testament.

Scripture – Zephaniah 1:-12, 3:1-7, 14-21; Deuteronomy 30:1-6; Psalm 16:11; Revelation 21-22; 1 Peter 2:9; Ephesians 2:10

Community Group Discussion

- How do you prevent placing someone or something above God?
- What is the importance of being aware but not obsessed with the spiritual realm?
- "I am a child of the light; I'm not scared of the dark."
- Why do we make promises to God?
- Johnathan Edwards' *Pattern of Revival*:
 1. Conviction of sin.
 2. Commitment to live a better life.
 3. Repeated failures, feelings of utter helplessness and guilt.
 4. An experience of grace which overwhelms the converts with confidence, rapture, and love.
- How has God turned your shame into praise? (Zephaniah 3:19)
- "If we could only see God's view of us, it would transform us."
- "God isn't a cosmic killjoy, he was killed for your joy."
- "God doesn't want something from us; He wants us." – C.S. Lewis