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NAHUM 1

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on Nahum 1

Nahum is about God's justice.

He is jealous and vengeful on
His enemies: Nineveh (*Nah 1:2*).

But a stronghold for those who take
refuge in Him: Judah (*Nah 1:8,15*).

Nahum's prophecy is about Nineveh, the enemy of Israel that terrorised and brutally ravaged them.

A hundred years earlier, Jonah reluctantly delivered God's message to this city, which resulted in their national repentance, thus averting divine wrath.

But though Nahum's message was about Nineveh, it was delivered to Judah. Embedded within was a call for Judah to remain faithful in spite of the afflictions they were to endure, as salvation would surely come to them.

God is jealous, even His name is
Jealous (*El Qannā*)!

This may not seem too positive, but...

He is jealous to protect our covenant relationship, so that we do not lose out on any of His promises. He may allow us to be afflicted because of sin!

But we are assured it is for our own good and it is only for a limited time.

However, God in His justice will not let the sin and cruelty of unrepentant evildoers go unpunished.

REFLECTION

Balancing against our natural tendency to mind our own business, do we love our brothers or sisters enough to warn them of sin, and speak the truth in love, even at the risk of upsetting our relationships with them?

REFLECTION

How does learning about God's nature in Nahum alter our behaviour, lifestyle and interaction with others?

Consider these areas:

1. Wanting to be in control, or having a fear of losing control.
2. Wanting things done our own way.
3. Wanting to retaliate for the hurt we have experienced.