



DAILY DEVOTIONS

THE NARROWER IS THE READING



What does this passage say?



What did this passage mean to its original audience?



What does this passage tell us about God?



What does this passage tell us about man?



What does this passage demand of me?



How does this passage change the way I relate to people?



How does this passage prompt me to pray?

NAHUM 1:1-6

the word place to be on the receiving end of God's wrath. No one can withstand His judgment when His fury is kindled. Who can withstand His indignation? (v. 3) But God is slow to anger because He delights in showing mercy. At the cross, Jesus was on the receiving end of God's wrath so that you would never have to be. Lift your voice in praise to Him so He'll take your place and make you the recipient of God's unending love.

HOW CAN YOU RECEIVE GOD'S MERCY?

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SHOW GRATITUDE TO CHRIST FOR THE CROSS?

WHO IN YOUR LIFE NEEDS TO HEAR ABOUT GOD'S MERCY?

DAY 02

NAHUM 1:7-11

WHEN HAS A BAD IDEA BACKFIRED ON YOU? WHAT HAPPENED?

HOW IS IT COMFORTING TO KNOW SATAN'S PLANS WILL FAIL?

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT GOD'S PLANS WILL PREVAIL?

Satan plots and evil men scheme, but the Lord will bring their plans to the dust. Think of the plot of those who sought to kill Jesus; the plans they made to ruin him and get rid of him completely backfired, for God raised him from the dead and exalted him forever. Soon all of Jerusalem and the Roman world would know of Jesus. God will bring the plans of the wicked to nothing and bring his good plans to pass.

DAY 03

NAHUM 1:12-13

God had used the King of Assyria to punish Judah. But God was about to turn their fortunes around. He promised, "For I will now break off his yoke from you and tear off your shackles" (v. 13). No matter what binds you and holds you back, God is able to set you free. The heavy burden on your shoulders can be lifted. The shackles can be broken. But we must come to the only One who can do it—we must turn to Christ for freedom.

WHAT HEAVY BURDENS ARE YOU CARRYING?

WHAT SPIRITUAL OR MENTAL SHACKLES ARE BINDING YOU?

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO TO FIND FREEDOM IN JESUS?

DAY 04

NAHUM 1:14-15

WHAT DO YOU LOOK FORWARD TO JESUS DEFEATING ONE DAY?

HOW DOES CHRIST'S VICTORY GIVE YOU HOPE?

WHAT DO YOU NEED HOPE FOR TODAY?

God promised, "For the wicked one will never again march through you; he will be entirely wiped out" (1:15). As you go through difficult days, you must remind yourself that these trials are not your final destination. Satan will be totally defeated. Death and disease will be entirely destroyed. God will give us the victory over the curse of sin and death, and we will dwell with Him forever. Press on, knowing Satan and sin will be wiped out - in the good fight of faith knowing Christ has already won.

DAY 05

NAHUM 3:1-19

Prove to us, A wicked man's iniquity will trap him; he will become tangled in the ropes of his own sin (5:22). Nahum 3 is a great example of this principle. Nineveh was the capital city of a violent and cruel empire. It was characterized by injustice, murder, and immorality. Their iniquity was so widespread that their downfall brought rejoicing (Nahum 3:10). The wicked may prosper in the short term, but they will ultimately fall into their own trap. Commit yourself to God's ways, embracing love, truth, purity, and peace. His will triumph forever - every day.

HOW DOES NAHUM 3 MOTIVATE YOU TO NOT LIVE LIKE THE WORLD?

WHY IS IT BEST TO FOLLOW GOD'S WAYS EVEN WHEN THE WICKED PROSPER?

HOW CAN YOU GROW IN THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT?