

“Three Cries–Rediscovery of the Gospel”
Zephaniah 3:14-17 (Rev. Makito Matsuda)
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Opening Remarks:

- Introduction of Oasis Chapel (Reflections on 11-1/2 years)

- What is the book of Zephaniah (1:2-3)

- Rediscovery of the Gospel

“We never get to the stage where people do not need to hear the gospel.” Paul D. Tripp

1. The Cry of People Who Suffer Judgment (1:4-18)

- Shouts, lamentations, echoes of doom, “wailing,” the mournful cries of heroes

- Is the wrath of God the same as the wrath of man? Who is cruel?

- What is it that people should truly fear?

2. The Cry of the Prophet for Refuge (2:1-3)

- Ask the Lord, and He may shelter you (2:1-3)

※The name “Zephaniah”

- The Lord has removed the judgment against you and driven away your enemies (3:15a)

3. The Cry of Those Joyfully Celebrating Salvation (3:14-17)

- Sing for joy, shout for joy, leap for joy from the bottom of your heart!

✘What should people truly find joy in?

✘An encounter with a death row inmate?

Closing Thoughts: