

Rejoice — He Is in the Midst

Matthew 18:20

20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

The only place in the whole bible that God sings to his people

Zephaniah 3:14–20

"The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save, He will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in His love, He will joy over thee with singing." (Zephaniah 3:17)

Zephaniah preached during dark days. Judah was drifting. Judgment was coming. Yet in the closing lines of this prophetic book, God speaks not thunder — but tenderness. "Sing... shout... be glad and rejoice." Why? Because God is in the midst of His people. Not distant. Not condemning. Present.

Mighty to save. And here is the astonishing truth — God sings over His people. We sing to Him. But Zephaniah tells us He rejoices over us with singing. The Creator delights in His redeemed children.

A little boy once wandered off at a crowded fair. Panic filled his heart until he heard something familiar —his father singing a bedtime song. He followed the voice and found his father waiting with open arms.

That is Zephaniah 3. God gathers the scattered. He removes judgment. He renews with love. He restores what was lost. Maybe you feel scattered or ashamed. Zephaniah declares: He is in the midst of you. And if God is singing, despair cannot have the final note.

Closing Prayer

Lord, when we forget who we are, remind us that You rejoice over us. When shame speaks loud, let Your song speak louder. Gather what is scattered in us. Restore what we thought was gone. Teach us to rejoice, because You are in the midst. Amen.