Where Will You Hide? Zephaniah 1

People do not drift toward Holiness. We drift toward compromise and call it tolerance; we drift toward disobedience and call it freedom; we drift toward superstition and call it faith. We cherish the indiscipline of lost self-control and call it relaxation; we slouch toward prayerlessness and delude ourselves into thinking we have escaped legalism; we slide toward godlessness and convince ourselves we have been liberated.

-D.A. Carson

I. The Prophet

II. The Pictures

Small Group Study Questions

Into the Bible

1. The book of Leviticus describes God's sacrificial system for his people. There were multiple types of sacrifices for a variety of purposes. A sin offering was brought to the priests in order to obtain forgiveness through the offering of a substitute (Leviticus 4-7). Unlike some other sacrifices this one required the killing of some kind of sacrificial animal. Why is this sacrifice different this way? (Leviticus 17:11, Hebrews 9:18-22)

2. As we have learned throughout the minor prophets, the Israelites were guilty of idol worship but also continued to make their required offerings to God. Why then does God still hold them guilty and deserving of punishment if they were doing what he told them to? (Jeremiah 6:20, Amos 5:21-23)

Application

3. When he institutes the Lord's Supper Jesus tells us to remember his sacrifice with the cup representing the new covenant in his blood. It may seem strange to say that we "celebrate the Lord's supper" but why is that term appropriate to use in regards to the death of Christ? What are we celebrating? (1 Peter 1:18-19, Hebrew 9:11-14)

For Families

4. Talk with your children about how Christ died as a sacrifice.

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