

Zephaniah 3:5~ Yehowah was righteous in the midst of her, he would do no unrighteousness. Morning by morning he kept giving his own judicial decision. At daylight it did not prove lacking. But the unrighteous one was knowing no shame.

1· Yet Yehowah their God was righteous in the midst of his people, and he himself would do no unrighteousness. Daily, he gave to his people his judicial decisions, and they never proved to be lacking. Yet still the uprightness men of Judah were as men knowing no shame. They would not take counsel from their God, or anyone else he sent to them.

[Question] How though, did Yehowah God always act toward his people?

[Question] What did he give forth to his people daily?

[Question] How though, did the men of Judah respond, or fail to respond?

2· The Rock, perfect is his activity, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness, with whom there is no injustice. Righteous and upright is he. (Deuteronomy 32:4)

[Question] What are the true ways of Yehowah God like?

3· And with the strength of a king, judgment he has loved. You yourself have firmly established uprightness. Judgment and righteousness in Jacob, are what you yourself have effected. (Psalms 99:4)

[Question] How did the Psalmist show, what Yehowah God stands for firmly?

4· So as to exhibit his own righteousness in this present season, that he might be righteous, even when declaring righteous, the man that has faith in Jesus. (Romans 3:26)

[Question] What did Yehowah God prove himself righteous in doing, even for sinful men?

5· Therefore, you men of heart, listen to me. Far be it from the true God to act wickedly, and the Almighty to act unjustly! (Job 34:10)

[Question] What did Job state, that it was far from God to act like?

- 6· **O house of David, this is what Yehowah has said; Every **morning** render sentence in justice, and deliver the one being robbed out of the hand of the defrauder, that my rage may not go forth just like a fire, and actually burn, and there be no one to extinguish it, because of the badness of **YOUR** dealings. (**Jeremiah 21:12**)**

[Question] What command did Yehowah God give to his kings through David, as to how to render justice?

[Question] What did he promise, if they failed to do so?

- 7· **This is what Yehowah of armies has said; With true justice do **YOUR** judging, and carry on with one another loving-kindness and mercies. (**Zechariah 7:9**)**

[Question] How did Yehowah God through Zechariah, show how they should judge the people, and treat one another?

- 8· **The raging of Yehowah I shall bear, for I have sinned against him, until he conducts my legal case, and actually executes justice for me. He will bring me forth to the light, I shall look upon his righteousness. (**Micah 7:9**)**

[Question] What discipline did the prophet Micah willingly bear, until what would happen for him?

- 9· **But there is nothing carefully concealed that will not be revealed, and secret that will not become known. (**Luke 12:2**)**

[Question] Why have some things been carefully concealed until now?

[Question] Will anything ever remain secret forever?

- 10· **But according to your hardness and unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath, and of the revealing of God's **righteous** judgment. (**Romans 2:5**)**

[Question] What are people who remain hard of heart and unrepentant storing up for themselves, and when will this adverse judgment come to them?

- 11· **Hence do not judge anything before the due time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring the secret things of darkness to light, and make the counsels of the hearts**

manifest, and then each one will have his praise come to him from God. (1 Corinthians 4:5)

[Question] Should spirit anointed Christians ever be judging one another?

[Question] When will they all be judged, and who then will judge them either favorably or adversely?

- 12· So copious showers are withheld, and not even a spring rain has occurred. And the forehead of a wife committing prostitution, is what has become yours. You have refused to feel humiliated. (Jeremiah 3:3)

[Question] What were some of the forms of discipline that Yehowah God applied to his people?

[Question] How did they come to appear to him, for refusing his discipline?

- 13· Did they feel shame, because they had done even what was detestable? For one thing, they positively could not feel ashamed, for another thing, they did not know even how to feel humiliated. Therefore they will fall, among those who are falling. In the time of their being given attention, they will stumble, Yehowah has said. (Jeremiah 8:12)

[Question] What did his people refuse to even show, when they were in the wrong, and so what would become of them, for their failure to accept discipline?

- 14· Gather yourselves together, yes, do the gathering, O nation not paling in shame. (Zephaniah 2:1)

[Question] How did Zephaniah describe this faithless nation?

- 15· For he himself well knows men who are untrue. When he sees what is hurtful, will he not also show himself attentive? (Job 11:11)

[Question] What did Job show, that Yehowah God knows about all men?

- 16· Did they feel shame because it was something detestable that they had done? For one thing, they positively do not feel any shame, for another thing, they have not come to know even how to feel humiliated. Therefore, they will fall, among those who are falling, in the time that I must hold

an accounting with them, they will stumble, Yehowah has said. (Jeremiah 6:15)

[Question] What did Yehowah God show, that his people did not even know how to show, when they were in the wrong?

[Question] What then, would happen to them over their continuing failure to accept discipline?

17· You are righteous, O Yehowah, when I make my complaint to you, indeed when I speak even about matters of judgment with you. Why is it, that the way of wicked ones is what has succeeded, that all those who are committing treachery, are the unworried ones? (Jeremiah 12:1)

[Question] How did Jeremiah come to feel, when he set matters of judgment before Yehowah God?

[Question] What question did Jeremiah then ask, about how wicked ones generally fare?

18· That is why I shall have to hew them by the prophets, I shall have to kill them, by the sayings of my mouth. And the judgments upon you, will be as the light that goes forth. (Hosea 6:5)

[Question] How did the discipline of Yehowah God become like a shaping of a rough log into a useful shape?

[Question] What guiding light would direct them in their course to righteousness?