

A Purified Remnant for God

Zephaniah 3.1-13

1. The Charges being levelled at God's own people, vs 1-5

- **a law unto themselves v1-2; Hab 1.7**

**no obedience, correction,
trust, time for God**

**correction indicates sonship
Heb 12.5-11**

**correction comes through God's
Word 2 Tim 3.15; Ps 19.12**

- **a systemic problem v3-4**
 - officials – exploitative v3**
doing the devil's work
1 Pet 5.8; Acts 20.28-31
 - prophets – a snare v4**
not a source of truth
 - priests – self-enrichment v4**

not atonement

- *a gross mismatch v5*
between God and his people
God seeks our holiness
1 Pet 1.14-16; Lev 11.44-45

2. The Failure of God's people to repent, vs 6-8

- *you've been warned! v6*
in words and actions
Rev 2.5,14-16; 3.1-3,15-19
- *God expected better v7*
from his own people
- *God is determined to judge v8*
all sin and wickedness

3. God's Determination to create a purified people for himself, vs 9-13

- *the purpose of judgement v9*
purification, not annihilation
purified lips = purified heart
Mat 12.34-37; Isaiah 6.5-7
purified people seek after God
purified people unite in their
service Phil 1.27; Zeph 2.1
- *God's plan is global in its reach v10*
to the ends of the earth
- *God purifies his people vs11-13*
by removing the proud v11
John 15.1-2
by leaving the humble vs 11-12
the meek, the obedient
the truthful
enjoy satisfaction and security!