

Understanding the Book of Nahum
Nahum 1:15 (p.994)

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The Lord is a jealous and avenging God; the Lord is avenging and wrathful; the Lord takes vengeance on his adversaries and keeps wrath for his enemies. (1:2)

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Beloved, never avenge yourselves... (Rom. 12:19)

See that no one repays anyone evil for evil... (1 Thess. 5:15)

Wrath is cruel, anger is overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy? (Prov. 27:4)

You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge... (Lev. 19:18)

We fear the possibility of a double-standard or that God isn't _____ because we cannot conceive of a God so much better than us.

Jealousy and vengeance are not inherently _____—just like anger is not inherently bad--but we're not qualified to handle it.

The Lord's jealousy and anger are always _____ and appropriate; it is a good jealousy and a _____ anger.

The Lord is slow to anger and great in power, and the Lord will by no means clear the guilty. His way is in whirlwind and storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. He rebukes the sea and makes it dry; he dries up all the rivers... The mountains quake before him; the hills melt; the earth heaves before him, the world and all who dwell in it. Who can stand before his indignation? Who can endure the heat of his anger? His wrath is poured out like fire, and the rocks are broken into pieces by him. The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him. (1:3-7)

Behold, upon the mountains, the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace! v.15

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II. Actually means _____ for God's people.

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God's judgment on the nation of Assyria meant that the people of Judah could continue to _____ the Lord.

Behold, I am against you, declares the Lord of hosts, and I will burn your chariots in smoke, and the sword shall devour your young lions. I will cut off your prey from the earth, and the voice of your messengers shall no longer be heard. (2:13)

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God forgives sin but will not _____ it; Christ was punished, so that your sins could be _____ for and you could be forgiven—take shelter in Him!

...Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood.... so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. (Rom. 3:24-26)

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God's judgment on Christ means good news for you; God's judgment on Christ means _____ for you!

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." (Is. 52:7)

...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.... As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" (Rom. 10:9,15)

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