

SERMON CHALLENGE
Ready or Not, Here it Comes
Zephaniah 1:14–18

Name: _____ Date: _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Circle the best answer.

1. According to the introduction, when do useful things such as money, health, and planning become dangerous?

- A. When we begin trusting them to provide the security only God can give
- B. When we use them to prepare for ordinary problems
- C. When we share them with other people
- D. When they require careful effort to maintain

2. What did the approaching-storm illustration teach about God's warning?

- A. Judgment becomes certain only when its effects are visible
- B. God's warning is true before judgment becomes visible
- C. Comfortable circumstances prove that judgment is distant
- D. Warnings matter only to people who feel afraid

3. Why will the mighty man's strength fail him in the day of the LORD?

- A. He did not develop enough courage
- B. He failed to build stronger defenses
- C. Human strength cannot prepare anyone to stand against God's judgment
- D. He placed too little confidence in his own experience

4. Why did the sermon describe sin as personal?

- A. Sin mainly causes embarrassment before other people
- B. Sin is serious only when it produces visible consequences
- C. Sin is primarily a failure to reach personal goals
- D. Sin is an offense against the LORD who made and commands us

5. How should believers view money and possessions?

- A. As useful tools that must never become trusted saviors
- B. As proof that God will protect them from every danger
- C. As things that must always be avoided
- D. As their strongest defense against an uncertain future

TRUE OR FALSE

Write T for true or F for false.

- _____ 1. Comfortable circumstances do not cancel the warning God has given in His Word.
- _____ 2. The language of wrath, darkness, and desolation describes only a temporary inconvenience.
- _____ 3. Human defenses may help in ordinary trouble but cannot shelter a sinner from divine judgment.
- _____ 4. Morality, religion, and good intentions can help a person earn everlasting life.
- _____ 5. The certainty of coming judgment should make believers sober, faithful, and urgent about eternal matters.

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SHORT ANSWER

Answer each question in your own words.

1. What is the central truth of the sermon?

2. Why are fenced cities and high towers important in the sermon?

3. What warning did the sermon give about postponing spiritual matters?

4. What false refuge do you need to stop trusting?

MEMORY VERSE

Zephaniah 1:18

Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD'S wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy; for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.