

**Pray:** God would give you a biblical fear of His name. That this fear would become a ruling principle in your life as you gain knowledge about who God is.

## Monday 5/5

**Read:** Both **Proverbs 1:7** and **9:10** speak of the wisdom and knowledge of God. Knowledge is an awareness or an understanding of something. Wisdom on the other hand, is the ability to act rightly, to follow the wisest course of action based on your knowledge.

**Application:** Knowledge provides you with the power to know how to act. Wisdom, on the other hand, allows you to act correctly. It's not enough to only possess the right knowledge, you must also have the wisdom to use that knowledge properly.

**Pray:** The word of God would provide you with both knowledge and wisdom.

## Tuesday 5/6

**Read:** If right knowledge is the foundation for right action, then it should rapidly become apparent that the source of your knowledge is of utmost importance. That leads us back to where we began Sunday. "**Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom**".

**Application:** Consider **Proverbs 2:6**. If you possess a reverent awe of God, then it will be from His mouth that you obtain knowledge. If your knowledge is based on an understanding of the word of God, then you have a solid foundation for acting wisely. Now study closely **Matthew 7: 24-27**.

**Pray:** You would put the knowledge of God to work in your life. That His word would be preparing your mind for action.

## Wednesday 5/7

**Read:** **Zephaniah** was not talking to specific individuals. He was addressing the nation of Israel. Certainly, Israel was made up of individuals, and it was necessary for each individual to hear the words of the prophet. However, it is also essential for the whole nation to hear those same words.

**Application:** You are to share the knowledge and wisdom God has given you. Not only will you become stronger as you share God's word, those around you will grow in strength as well. The result will be a nation that becomes more firmly founded in the mercy of God.

**Pray:** You would be a faithful witness for God who sincerely seeks to make disciples.

## Thursday 5/8

**Read:** You are to listen and learn as the Holy Spirit uses the word of God to strengthen your knowledge and wisdom. But it is not enough to merely take in the word of God. You must exhale it also.

**Application:** Take a look at **James 1:22-25**. When you grow in the knowledge of God you are hearers. But as James states, you are to "**be doers of the word, and not only hearers**". Scripture is almost constantly spurring you into action. You are to edify your fellow believer, and you are to breath out the gospel of Jesus Christ to the unbeliever.

**Pray.** You would correctly hear the word of God and you would use those words to carry out the good works God lays out before you.

## Friday 5/9

**Read:** The Bible provides you with the knowledge that you are to put God's word into action, and it also provides you with the wisdom to do so properly. Whatever you are called to do, you should do so in an encouraging manner.

**Application:** Read **Romans 1:11-12**: Like Paul, you should have a strong desire to be with people for the purpose of imparting some spiritual gift to strengthen them. To provide mutual encouragement as everyone shares their mutual faith.

**Pray:** God would give you a love for people. That you would use your gifts to encourage the people God brings into your life.

## Saturday 5/10

**Read:** Prepare for the sermon tomorrow by reading **Zephaniah 3:1-5**. In chapter two, God provided the people of Jerusalem with examples of how he deals with ungodly nations. In chapter three, God makes these examples personal.

**Application:** God's justice is not just for other people. It is for you and those around you as well. God's justice will be extended to all. The question is, will you be found in obedience or disobedience.

**Pray:** God's warning for you to pay attention to His word will be made clearer through the examples of those who were disobedient.

## Be Thou My Vision

*Traditional Irish melody*

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art-  
thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
3. Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
5. High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## Take My Life, and Let It Be

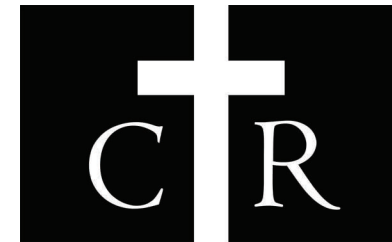
*Malan/Havergal*

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,  
swift and beautiful for thee.
3. Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose,  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

## Taking Gathered Worship Home

Zephaniah-The Day of the Lord

Week of May 4, 2008



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In the opening chapter of **Zephaniah** God declared His sovereignty in justice. Destruction will fall on those who remain disobedient to Him. In the opening verses of chapter 2, God provided hope by revealing His sovereign mercy towards those who will seek Him and follow His commands. In the remainder of chapter 2, God develops this hope by announcing His sovereignty over the enemies of Israel. The Philistines, Moabites, Ammonites, Ethiopians and Assyrians will all fall to the sword of God. **"For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet" (I Corinthians 15:25).**

**Reading this week from Zephaniah 2:4-15**

### Sunday 5/4

**Read:** In the first two chapters of **Zephaniah**, God has given Israel insight into the breadth and depth of His Sovereignty. All for the purpose of exhorting Israel to remain obedient to Him. To place the fear of God in the people of Israel.

**Application:** Read **Proverbs 1:7** and **9:10**. We often define fear as terror. But for God's people, fear is a reverent awe. In the context of these verses, this awe leads to a worshipful response to God for what He is. Sovereignly presiding as Judge and Savior over of all creation.