***“Note well both the kindness and the severity of God:”*** Romans 11:22

I. Nahum and Jonah are bookends for the city of Nineveh spanning 120 years.

 A. Nineveh is a study in **divine judgment**.

 B. Nineveh is a study in **human repentance**.

 C. Nineveh is a study in **the meaning of Romans 11:22**.

II. Nineveh exemplifies the moral danger of power, prestige, and affluence.

 A. Nineveh was situated on the Tigris River and the ancient capital of Assyria.

 B. Nineveh was considered absolutely invincible.

 C. Nineveh averted judgment by repenting under Jonah.

 D. Nineveh was facing utter devastation under Nahum and Zephaniah.

 E. Destruction came in 612 B.C. after a 2-yr. siege under the Chaldeans and Medes.

 1. Not until 1845 was the site identified and the ruins uncovered.

III. Draw a balance sheet for the character of God to “see” Him in **Chapter One**.

 A. On the left make a column noting the kindness of God.

 B. On the right make a column noting the severity of God.

 C. Each characteristic of God needs to be known and pondered.

 D. Verse 15 answers the question, “What does this mean to me?”

IV. **Chapter Two** offers a compelling picture of divine judgment.

 A. Romans 8: 31 asks, “If God is for us, who can be against us?”

 B. Nahum 2:13-3:7 by contrast declares the severity if God is against this city.

V**. Chapter Three** tells Nineveh (and us) to Compare, Consider, and to Calculate.

 A. We need to be able to connect dots in Bible study.

 B. We need to be able to “add it up” in Bible study.

 C. The sum of what is said in Nahum is the light of day for the USA.

**“Holy, Holy, Holy”**

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| **1.** Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!Early in the morning our praise shall rise to Thee.Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**2.** Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,Casting down their golden crowns around the Glassy sea.Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be. | **3.** Holy, holy, holy! Tho' the darkness hide Thee,Tho' the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,Perfect in power, in love, and purity.**4.** Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!All thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and Sky, and seaHoly, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!God in three persons, blessed Trinity! |
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