

## SECTION FOUR



*The LORD your God is in your midst,  
a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over  
you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing.*

Zephaniah 3:17

In his letter to the nation of Judah, the prophet Zephaniah gives the people a strong warning about the coming judgement of God on the day of the Lord. He tells them there is hope for them if they repent and return to God because God wants to extend blessing and grace to all people and nations.

Our scripture reveals a beautiful image of our Heavenly Father's response when his children return to him.

Looking at each section of this verse, consider how realizing God's joy over you, can stir you to live a joy filled life.

### **1. He will be with us**

We often say that one "asks Jesus into their heart" as a descriptor of the moment we repent and accept God's forgiveness. But this is also spiritually true as the Holy Spirit is given to indwell and provide guidance.

## 5. He will sing over us

God delights to show his love and great affection toward his church.

Does that not just grab you that God actually sings over us? That he is so full of joy when we return to him that it can not be contained and the heavens erupt with his excitement?!

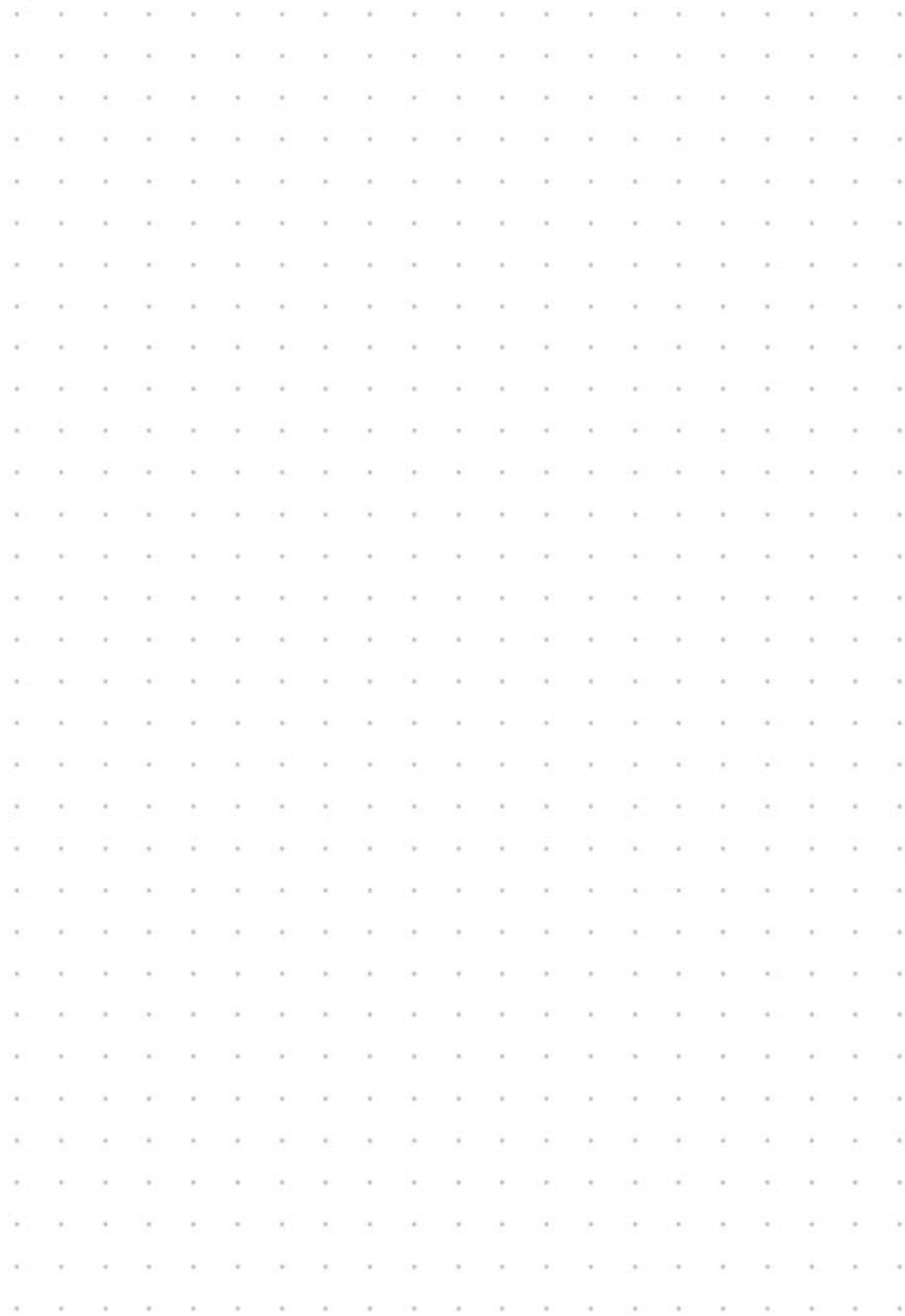
For our part, we seek him and follow him. We trust in him and rejoice in him. And God personally delights over each and every one of us.

And not some emotionless contentment, but a delight which burst forth in joyful divine celebration.

How can knowing this NOT in turn, elicit the same type of joyful celebration?

*Oh Lord, fan the flames of joy in our hearts to praise you with such shouts of joy that the heavens hear and rejoice with us! In Jesus name, amen.*

- What is a worship song which ignites your heart with joy?



Let your soul be inspired

# VERSE MAPPING

