

The background of the slide is a dramatic, stormy sky with dark, swirling blue and grey clouds. The lighting is moody, with some brighter patches where light breaks through the clouds.

WHO CAN ENDURE?

Nahum 1:6

THE ALL-POWERFUL GOD

- This book is filled with descriptions of His vastness and His overwhelming power (Nah. 1:3-5, 9).
- All preparations against Him are useless (Nah. 3:14-17).
- God is very interested in impressing us with His power (Ex. 9:13-17).
- He has a particular response in mind (Nah. 2:10; cf. Ex. 9:30).
- It is not only calamity that can produce fear (Deut. 14:23).
- There is a type of fear we need to cast out, and another that we need to cultivate, but they are similar (1 Jn. 4:17-18; Deut. 10:12; 1 Pet. 2:17).

RIGHTEOUS VENGEANCE

- The Lord IS avenging and wrathful (Nah. 1:2).
- But he is also, slow to anger (Nah. 1:3).
- God always makes the case against those He is judging (Nah. 1:14; 2:11-12; 3:1, 4).
- This is why He is the only one qualified to bring vengeance (Nah. 1:7; 3:5; Gen. 15:16).

COMFORTED AND WARNED

- Nahum's very name means comfort.
- This is good news for those who lived in the shadow of the terror of the Assyrian empire (Nah. 1:15).
- No one will be sorry that Nineveh is destroyed (Nah. 3:7, 11, 19).
- This is not vindictive joy, but the satisfaction and relief of true justice (Ezek. 33:11).
- But for all that relief to the righteous, judgment always stands as a sobering reminder (2 Pet. 2:4-9).