

**Transforming Daily**  
**“ . . . the Lord is slow to anger and great in power . . . ”**  
*Nahum 1:3*

The books of Nahum and Jonah are book ends for the life and times of Nineveh. What Jonah wanted for Nineveh is what God brought to them through the prophecy of Nahum some 100+ years later. Jonah and Nahum were prophets to Nineveh. Nineveh listened to the prophecy of Jonah the first time, but some generations later they were back to what they were into when Nahum pronounced God’s judgment on their wickedness. As it is always the case, the further Nineveh got away from their faith crisis of repentance through the preaching of Jonah, the faster they forgot God’s grace and mercy on their behalf.

What is significant about this prophecy is it seems to be devoid of any attempt to bring Nineveh to repentance. The message is clear through Nahum that God, who is slow to anger, has reached that point some 100+ years after Nineveh experienced their spiritual awakening through Jonah’s preaching. So for those who think that God will ultimately “let everything slide,” take note that He does have a point of righteous indignation against the unrighteousness of man. At which point, the opportunity for repentance toward God is removed and replaced with the rejection by God of an unholy and unrighteous nation. So when post-Christian terminology is used by philosophers, theologians, politicians, educators, and journalists, it’s not fashionable or sophisticated, it’s perhaps a sign of the beginning of woes for this nation as well as any other nation that has forgotten (or is in the process of forgetting) God.

I was watching a documentary about how the early pangs of the Industrial Revolution adversely affected the land and water system around the Niagara Falls area. When attention was drawn to the ill effects of the pollutants and the possible hazards that it posed for the surrounding areas, the people responsible for decision making basically buried everything. Given that more is known now about these issues than then and hind sight is 20/20, could better decisions have been made for the future to have marked and avoided these areas for development? Nevertheless, in an effort to forget the past iniquities, “out of sight out of mind,” the powers that were, not only incorporated these areas into the community, but they built their subdivisions, recreation fields, churches, and businesses directly on top of them. When people in mass, community dwellers of all ages, started getting sick and dying, the powers that be began to panic. To this very day, the collateral damage and adverse ramifications of the iniquities of the movers and shakers of the Industrial Revolution are still present for that area. What it reminded me of was a child who is playing hide-and-seek, and standing in plain sight of everyone, covers their eyes with their hands, and expects the seekers to over look them. God will not overlook our ignorance, negligence, iniquities, or sin. He didn’t with Nineveh and He won’t with America.

Are you tempting the Lord with disobedient acts against His will? Can you hear Him calling you? Do you look to Him for direction? When was the last time you prayed for our nation? Is it your habit to throw your hands up in the air and say that there is nothing you can do about some adversity in your life? Keep in mind that the Lord is slow to anger and great in power.