

Sounds 2025 Week 6: Beautiful Feet

Summary

This week's study in Nahum reminded us that God's jealousy and wrath are not in conflict with His love but flow directly from it. His justice brings comfort to His people because it ensures that evil will not prevail. Nahum shows us that while empires like Assyria rise and fall, God's reign is eternal. The "good news" is not only Nineveh's downfall but the greater hope that *our God reigns* and salvation is found in Christ. Nahum, Isaiah, and Paul all describe this as the message carried by "beautiful feet." The lesson also warns us that repentance must be genuine, passed down intentionally to the next generation, and matured through discipleship. Otherwise, like Nineveh, we drift back into sin.

Discussion Questions

1. Why is God's jealousy and wrath actually evidence of His love? (Nahum 1:2–3)

- **Answer:** God's jealousy means He loves us too much to share our devotion with idols. Wrath is His holy response to sin that destroys people. Just as every sin has a victim, God's judgment ensures that injustice is not ignored (Exodus 34:14; Hebrews 12:29).
- **Application:** How does understanding God's wrath as an expression of His love change the way you talk about God with people who struggle with the idea of judgment or hell?

2. How does Nahum describe God as a refuge for His people in the middle of judgment? (Nahum 1:7–8)

- **Answer:** God's justice is terrifying for His enemies but a comfort for His people. He is "good, a refuge in times of trouble," caring for those who trust in Him. For believers, His wrath has already been poured out on Christ (Romans 5:9).
- **Application:** When have you personally experienced God as a refuge in times of trouble, and how can you remind yourself of this truth when life feels overwhelming?

3. What is the "good news" carried by the messenger in Nahum, Isaiah, and Romans? (Nahum 1:15; Isaiah 52:7; Romans 10:13–15)

- **Answer:** The message is that *God reigns* and salvation is available to those who call on His name. Paul expands this into the gospel of Jesus' death and resurrection, proclaiming that "faith comes from hearing the message" (Romans 10:17).
- **Application:** Whose life could you bring good news into this week, and what would it look like for your feet to be "beautiful" in sharing the gospel?

4. Why didn't Nineveh's repentance last beyond Jonah's day? (Jonah 3; Nahum 3; Judges 2:10)

- **Answer:** One reason was the failure to pass down repentance to the next generation. Just as Israel's revival in Joshua's day was lost in Judges, so Nineveh failed to disciple their children. Each generation must be taught to know and follow the Lord.
- **Application:** What are practical ways you can disciple your children, grandchildren, or spiritual children to know the Lord, rather than assuming they will follow just because you do?

5. What does Hebrews 6:1–3 say about moving beyond the basics of faith?

- **Answer:** The passage urges us not to stay at the “foundation” but to move toward maturity. Repentance is the beginning, but discipleship means going deeper into obedience and growth. Without forward movement, we drift backward.
- **Application:** Where do you see the biggest need for growth and maturity in your own walk with Christ, and what step could you take this week to move forward?

Prayer Prompts

1. **Thank God** for being both just and merciful—for His wrath against sin and His refuge for His people.
2. **Pray for courage** to have “beautiful feet,” sharing the gospel with someone specific this week.
3. **Ask God** to help you disciple the next generation faithfully, beginning with your own household.