FBC Devotion Tuesday November 30 2021 Zephaniah 3:17 Do You Hear What I Hear?

"The Lord, your God is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will be quiet in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing."

What an awesome, spectacular encouraging verse this is! Can you imagine what it would be like if you could hear God singing? Remember that it was merely a spoken word that brought the universe into existence. What would happen if God lifted up His voice and not only spoke but sang!

When God spoke at the beginning, the heavens and the earth were created; perhaps at the end, the new heavens and the new earth will be created when God exults over his people with loud singing.

I can only dream when I think of the voice of God singing. I hear the booming thunder of Niagara Falls mingled with the murmur of a quiet mountain stream. I hear the incredible power of an island hurricane and the barely audible falling of night snow on our living room windows.

I hear the unimaginable roar of a space ship blasting off for outer space. But I hear this unimaginable roar mingled with the warm crackling of fireplace logs on a cozy winter's night.

Folks when I hear this singing, I stand dumbfounded, staggered, speechless that My God is singing and rejoicing over me.

Can you feel the wonder of this as we enter the Advent season? That God rejoices and exults over you with loud singing?

Hardly a verse in all of Scripture sums up the heart of God for his people better than Zephaniah 3:17. May its powerful truth transform your life by the reality of God's nearness and the depth of his love for you.

"The Lord, your God is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will be quiet in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing."

"God is in your midst"—take a moment to consider that fact. God's presence is with you right now.

"He will rejoice over you with gladness." To rejoice over you means to rejoice in who you are. The world is in the business of convincing you that you're nothing to rejoice about. God believes that you are worth the death of his Son. He rejoices over you today.

"He will quiet you with his love." How often do you allow God to do this? How often do you take time to let Him quiet your life with His love? This is His promise, but like any other gift it has to be received. His desire is to bring a quiet peace to the stress and worry of your world.

"He will exult over you with loud singing." To exult over you means to show or feel elation or jubilation, as the result of a success. Do you know that God sees you as a success? The story of Scripture is God creating mankind for the purpose of having communion and fellowship with us.

As a believer you can live out of the great victory God has achieved in you. You get to meet with God face to face. God is present with you today, desiring to do all that Zephaniah 3:17 promises. SSSHHH - listen carefully and maybe you can catch His voice right now.