

# Evil Will Not Win

Nahum 1:2-15

## ***A. God will bring justice – 1:2-6***

**Nahum 1:2-3c** declares four attributes of God:

1. God is **jealous** (1:2)
  - *Working definition of jealousy:* A zealous desire to take or maintain possession of something.
2. God is **gracious** (1:3a)
3. God is **omnipotent** (1:3b)
4. God is **just** (1:3c)

**Nahum 1:3d-6** illustrates the effect of these attributes of God

1. The power of God is illustrated in 3d-5
  - “whirlwind... the storm... the clouds” – glimpses of God’s power are seen in severe weather
  - “Bashan... Carmel... Lebanon” – regions known for their abundant fruitfulness
  - Unmovable “mountains... hills... and the earth” are no protection from His power.
2. Verse 6 applies God’s power to strike fear in God’s adversaries and enemies – “Who can stand?”

*Conclusion of 1:2-6:* Because of who God is, those who deserve to be held accountable will certainly be subject to His \_\_\_\_\_.

## ***B. Take refuge in the LORD – 1:7-8***

**Nahum 1:7** is good news for those who trust in the LORD.

**Nahum 1:8** is bad news for the enemies of the LORD.

*Conclusion of 1:7-8:* Because of God’s handling of those who trust Him and those who do not, you can be \_\_\_\_\_ in God’s goodness and fairness.

### ***C. Evil people will be judged – 1:9-14***

**Nahum 1:9-11** – Assyria made themselves enemies of God

**Nahum 1:12-13** – God promised Judah rest

**Nahum 1:14** – God’s word declares judgement on the evil

*Conclusion of 1:9-14:* Because of God’s right response to evil, you can know that those who make themselves \_\_\_\_\_ of God will not perpetuate evil forever.

### ***Answering The Problem of Evil***

“How can evil exist in the world if there truly is a God who is all-loving and all-powerful? Either God is too weak to stop evil, or God is not truly loving and does not want to stop evil.”

#### **1. Grace before Judgement**

- The answer to the problem: God is also **patient** (“slow to anger,” Nahum 1:3).

#### **2. Justice through Wrath**

- The answer to the problem: God **will** prove Himself to be good and God **will** make all things right at a future time when He executes justice through wrath upon those who have done evil.

#### **3. Salvation of Believers**

The answer to the problem: Clarification regarding God’s love—God’s **love** is received by those who believe on Him; believers will not suffer from evil forever.

- Wrath falls on God’s adversaries and enemies, on the vile and wicked.
- Salvation from wrath is assured to “those who trust in Him” (Nahum 1:7).

### ***D. Rest easy, there is good news – 1:15***

“good tidings” coming on the mountains

- Isaiah 52:7 – good news of final victory led by God
- Nahum 1:15 – good news of temporal victory provided by God
- Romans 10:15 – good news about Jesus Christ is the good news about final victory

*Application from 1:15:* Even though we see evil today, because of the good news God has given us, we can face the future \_\_\_\_\_ we will have perfect relief from the effects of evil.