

## Mighty to Save

The song, *Mighty to Save* touches our hearts as it reminds us of our need for His compassions and grace. The lyrics remind us that our God is, indeed, mighty and with His might He can save us from whatever attacks us, and also literally save us from our sins so that we can be with Him for eternity.

Three passages specifically tell us God is, “mighty to save,” - Isaiah 63:1, Psalm 106:8 and Zephaniah 3:17. Through Zephaniah’s pen He tells us (NASB):

**“The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.”**

Notice the details of the text:

1. God is present, in our midst.
2. God is a victorious warrior - He does battle on our behalf and He wins!
3. God will exult (greatly rejoice) over you with joy.
4. His love is gentle and helps to quiet our apprehensions (The ESV translates, “He will quiet you by his love.”)
5. He will rejoice over us with shouts of joy (or “with loud singing” ESV).

That’s a lot in one short verse. Obviously, He cares for us. This old saying is so true: “God doesn’t just love us *all*, He love us *each!*” It is vitally important that each of us understands that God loves us *individually* as well as *unconditionally*.

If God loves us but is not *mighty*, we are in bad trouble. If God is *mighty* but does not love us, we are likewise in a terribly dangerous place. But, like so many other passages, Zephaniah 3:17 gives us assurance and hope, because God *does, indeed both love us and with His might He fights for us*.

All too often, we think of God as merely a kind old grandfather, or a scary policeman or even an angry, powerful king whom we should either appease or avoid. *Such has never been the case, nor ever will be the case for His faithful children!*

He is *present with us, a victorious warrior, rejoicing with great joy to have us close to Him. He will quiet us with His love and rejoices over us with shouts of joy*. Can you even imagine God being so joyful over you that He is singing and shouting with great joy of His own? That is what Zephaniah 3:17 is teaching us!

Zephaniah was written to God’s children. Such are you, if you are truly in Christ. In your prayers and meditations today, tell God how much you love Him and how joyful you are that He is rejoicing over you.

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