





Zephaniah 1:12-13

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Why Complacency is a **Threat** to God's People

- Keeps us focused on the here and now
- Keeps us from improving our service to God
- Keeps us from forsaking our sins
- Keeps us from being pleasing to God

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The **Danger** of Being Too Comfortable

- The people were *too comfortable*
 - They were warned about this - **Deut. 6:10-12**
- **Comfort in this life can lead us to ignore God**
 - But comfort is a blessing from God? - **James 1:17**
 - Physical comfort can make the need for spiritual comfort less pressing - **Lk. 12:16-21**

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The **Danger** of Being Too Comfortable

- Wealth and comfort are not wrong...
 - ...unless we put it before the Lord - **Mt. 6:19-21, 24**
 - Must be willing to give up anything for Christ - **Mt. 19:21-24**
 - Set your hope on God, not riches - **1 Tim. 6:17-19**
- We can become too comfortable in our spiritual lives
 - We must grow - **2 Pet. 3:18**

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Forgetting God, But Not Completely

- The people still acknowledged God
 - Many who believe in God will still be lost - [Mt. 7:21-23](#)
- They were no longer looking to God for their blessings... (*"the Lord will not do good"*)
 - The Lord always does good - [Acts 14:17](#)
 - We are to always give thanks – [1 Thess. 5:18](#)

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- They no longer feared Him for judgment...
(*"the Lord will not do...evil"*)
 - God has shown His justice in punishing the wicked
 - 1 Cor. 10:6-11
 - Passage of time does not mean God has forgotten
 - 2 Pet. 3:3-10
 - We must fear Him because we are accountable to Him
 - Eccl. 12:13-14

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The Fate of Those Who Are Stagnant

- **They will be disappointed**
 - Earthly possessions do not last forever
 - Riches are uncertain
 - Nothing in this life can compare with following the Lord
 - [Heb. 11:24-26](#)
- **They will be punished**
 - If we don't grow, we will be cut off - [Jn. 15:2](#)
 - Salvation requires continued diligence - [Heb. 4:11](#)

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Conclusion

- God would “*search Jerusalem with lamps*”
 - No hiding; He would find them
- Same is true for us – **Heb. 4:12-13**
 - No hiding
 - We must conform our *lives* to His will

*"It will come about at that time
That I will **search** Jerusalem with
lamps,
And I will **punish** the men
Who are **stagnant in spirit...**"*

