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# Who is your God?

Earthly father...

School teacher...

The Boss...

Grandfather...



John 3.16 (a)

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall have eternal life.*

John 3.16 (b)

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall **not perish but** have eternal life.*

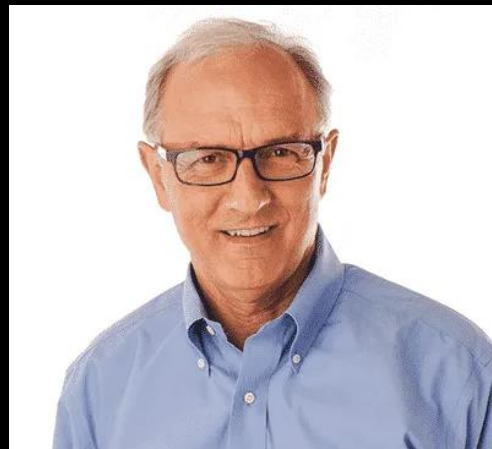
John 3.36 (a)

*Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life.*

John 3.36 (b)

*Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them.*

Christianity requires faith, faith  
requires belief, and belief requires  
truth (Gregory Koukl)







# Nineveh



**NAHUM**

# Nahum 3

Woe to the city of blood, full of lies, full of plunder, never without victims!

<sup>2</sup> The crack of whips, the clatter of wheels, galloping horses and jolting chariots!

<sup>3</sup> Charging cavalry, flashing swords and glittering spears! Many casualties, piles of dead, bodies without number, people stumbling over the corpses

# Nahum 3

all because of the wanton lust of a prostitute, alluring, the mistress of sorceries, who enslaved nations by her prostitution and peoples by her witchcraft.

<sup>5</sup> “I am against you,” declares the LORD Almighty. “I will lift your skirts over your face. I will show the nations your nakedness and the kingdoms your shame.

<sup>6</sup> I will pelt you with filth, I will treat you with contempt and make you a spectacle.

<sup>7</sup> All who see you will flee from you and say, ‘Nineveh is in ruins—who will mourn for her?’ Where can I find anyone to comfort you?

**NAHUM**

# Nahum 3

Are you better than Thebes, situated on the Nile, with water around her? The river was her defence, the waters her wall.

<sup>9</sup> Cush<sup>[a]</sup> and Egypt were her boundless strength; Put and Libya were among her allies.

<sup>10</sup> Yet she was taken captive and went into exile. Her infants were dashed to pieces at every street corner. Lots were cast for her nobles, and all her great men were put in chains.

<sup>11</sup> You too will become drunk; you will go into hiding and seek refuge from the enemy.

**NAHUM**

# Nahum 3

All your fortresses are like fig trees with their first ripe fruit; when they are shaken, the figs fall into the mouth of the eater.

<sup>13</sup> Look at your troops—they are all weaklings. The gates of your land are wide open to your enemies; fire has consumed the bars of your gates.

<sup>14</sup> Draw water for the siege, strengthen your defenses! Work the clay, tread the mortar, repair the brickwork!

<sup>15</sup> There the fire will consume you; the sword will cut you down—they will devour you like a swarm of locusts. Multiply like grasshoppers, multiply like locusts!

**NAHUM**

# Nahum 3

You have increased the number of your merchants till they are more numerous than the stars in the sky, but like locusts they strip the land and then fly away.

<sup>17</sup> Your guards are like locusts, your officials like swarms of locusts that settle in the walls on a cold day— but when the sun appears they fly away, and no one knows where.

# Nahum 3

King of Assyria, your shepherds<sup>[b]</sup> slumber; your nobles lie down to rest.

Your people are scattered on the mountains with no one to gather them.

<sup>19</sup> Nothing can heal you; your wound is fatal.

All who hear the news about you clap their hands at your fall, for who has not felt your endless cruelty?

*“The God of the Old Testament is arguably the most unpleasant character in all fiction: jealous and proud of it; a petty, unjust, unforgiving control-freak; a vindictive, bloodthirsty ethnic cleanser; a misogynistic, homophobic, racist, infanticidal, genocidal, filicidal, pestilential, megalomaniacal, sadomasochistic, capriciously malevolent bully.”* Richard Dawkins



The contrast.....

*The LORD is slow to anger but great in power;  
the LORD will not leave the guilty unpunished.*

*I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate  
God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who  
relents from sending calamity.*

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## Psalm 90

A prayer of Moses the man of God.

Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
throughout all generations,  
before the mountains were born  
or you brought forth the earth and the  
world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you  
God.