

SERIES: Ancient Voices for a Fractured Age
WEEK 4: The Danger of Spiritual Apathy
TEXT: Zephaniah 1:12–18 (ESV)

Big Idea: Spiritual apathy quietly convinces us that God no longer matters, even while we continue going through the motions of religion.

I. SPIRITUAL APATHY BEGINS WHEN WE STOP EXPECTING GOD TO ACT

"At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are **complacent**, those who say **in their hearts**, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.'" **Zephaniah 1:12 (ESV)**

"I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead."
Revelation 3:1 (ESV)

II. SPIRITUAL APATHY MAKES US FEEL SAFE WHEN WE'RE NOT

"Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." **Zephaniah 1:13 (ESV)**

"Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry."
But God said to him, "Fool! This night your soul is required of you."
Luke 12:19–20 (ESV)

III. GOD'S WARNINGS ARE AN ACT OF HIS MERCY

"The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast..."
Zephaniah 1:14–18 (ESV)

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28 (ESV)

CLOSING

Key Question: Have I become spiritually numb to the presence and activity of God?

"But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first."
Revelation 2:4 (ESV)