**SERMON NOTES**

**Behold Our God: Comfort in the Uncomfortable**

**A Sermon Series Through the Book of Nahum**

**“What Do You Think Concerning the Lord?”**

**Nahum 1: 1-9**

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**Nahum encourages the people – and you and I – in times of hopelessness, uncertainty, fear, and the unknown, to set our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on God.**

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**Take Home Truth**

**In the book of Nahum, the Bible wants to challenge you and I to see God not only in the terms and characteristics that we are comfortable with but also in the ones that might stretch our thinking or make us uncomfortable.**

**The literal question of v9 is the literal question you must answer today: *What do you think concerning the Lord?* Is He a God *only and exclusively* of love, acceptance, and grace, who would never judge you or expect you to live any other way that whatever way you want and think is right?**

**Or do you marvel at His love and grace, and His wrath and jealousy? Are you stirred to worship Him because of His goodness and holiness even while understanding that His goodness and holiness necessitate His wrath toward sin be met on Christ or on you? What do you think concerning the Lord?**

**Congregational Scripture Reading**

**Romans 11: 33-36**

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
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“Or who has given a gift to him
    that he might be repaid?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

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