Nahum - Commentaries by Henry Allan Ironside

Continual Burnt Offering: Daily Meditations, May 16

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“The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the Lord hath His way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet” — Nahum 1:3.

THE prophecy of Nahum was directed against the godless and luxurious city of Nineveh. It is a very dark picture of sin and judgment. But this verse shines out like a bright star in a clouded sky. How precious to the soul to know that in all the strife and discord of earth the Lord hath His way, He has not vacated His throne as the Moral Governor of the Universe. He controls all the elements, and He causes man’s wrath to praise Him. The very clouds that darken the heavens are the dust of His feet. He is just above them. His heart is ever towards His people, and He is working all things for the good of those who love Him. Soon He will be manifested and all troubles will cease.

—J. Denson Smith.

Daily Sacrifice, May 20

“The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him. But with an overrunning flood He will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue His enemies” —Nahum 1:7, 8.

HOW vivid is the contrast here! To those who trust Him, the Lord is indeed good; they find in Him a fortress in the time of danger, and can rest in confidence no matter what difficulties they have to face, assured that He knoweth them that trust in Him. But how different it is with the wicked that know not God! They imagine evil against Him, but in the day when He rises up in His wrath to deal with them, His judgments will be like an overrunning flood carrying all before them, and His enemies will go out into the blackness of darkness forever.

—W. Scott.