

“i am Hidden in I AM”  
Zephaniah 2:15

A Universal Truth: God Has Made Life So That the Self-absorbed Can't Make It Work – Zeph 2:15; Is 47:8-11

- This is particularly true for the people of God – Zeph 1:4

The Idolatrous “i am” – Ezek 28:2

- The human heart that “idolizes” itself – I Jo 5:20-21; Zeph 3:1-2  
...making a “god” out of “not God” – Judges 17:6; Ps 106:13-15; 115:4-8
- Ends up... sensual (Zeph 1:4)... syncretistic (Zeph 1:5)... self-serving (Zeph 1:6)  
...dressing itself in the “fig leaves” of self-effort/human currency – Zeph 1:8
- The “self” that fear builds upon the “sands” of what is passing away – Matt 7:26-27  
... this is the “self” we are called to deny – Lk 9:23

Our “i am” Hidden in God’s “I AM” – I Jo 2:8; 4:17; 5:20

- Listen to ME... be taught by ME... trust ME... cultivate intimacy with ME... hide yourself in ME – Zeph 2:1-3  
...He is our “hiding place” – Ps 32:7-8; 91:1-16
- The newly created you “hidden with Christ in God” – Col 3:1-4  
...the “old” me? crucified and dead in Christ! – Col 3:3; Ga 2:20  
...the one we “once walked/were living” in – Col 3:7  
...we “put off” every self-focused, self-made, “i am” expression – Col 3:8ff
- But now we abide in Christ/I AM Life – Jo 15:1-5; Col 3:4  
...our Source is Uncreated, Righteous, Holy, Loving God Life – Eph 4:24; Col 3:10; Ro 6:4  
...every provision for life and godliness is found at home in Christ – Col 2:9,10; II Pet 1:3,4  
...when “i am” is hidden in “I AM”, we find our true selves – II Cor 5:17  
...shameless – Zeph 3:11... humble – Zeph 3:12...resting – Zeph 3:13... joyful – Zeph 3:14  
...fearless – Zeph 3:15-16... quieted, renewed, settled in His love – Zeph 3:17

THE ONE THAT GOD REJOICES OVER WITH SONGS OF JOY! – Zeph 3:17