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"The Gospel According to Zechariah"
Zechariah 3

I. A Picture of Sin & Justification –

1. Joshua the High Priest, a poor sinner accused by Satan - :1

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him. (Zechariah 3:1 NKJ)

2. As High Priest Joshua represented all God's people –

As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one; ¹¹ There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. (Romans 3:10-11 NKJ)

3. Satan is a liar, but, sadly, he has some truth on his side when he accuses us of sin-

"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. (John 8:44 NKJ)

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:23 NKJ)

4. Yet, look at these beautiful pictures:

A. See the LORD rebuking Satan

B. See Jerusalem as "chosen"

just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, (Ephesians 1:4 NKJ)

C. See the picture of a brand plucked from the fire, saved in the nick of time - :2

D. See Joshua changing his clothing –

Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. ⁴ Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes." ⁵ And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the LORD stood by. (Zechariah 3:3-5 NKJ)

How many passages of Scripture speak of our sin and salvation in these

terms?

But we are all like an unclean *thing*, And all our righteousneses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away. (Isaiah 64:6 NKJ)

I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; My justice was like a robe and a turban. (Job 29:14 NKJ)

Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness, And let Your saints shout for joy. (Psalm 132:9 NKJ)

But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. (Colossians 3:8 NKJ)

Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; (Colossians 3:12 NKJ)

"Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." ⁸ And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. (Revelation 19:7-8 NKJ)

II. A CALL to be a "wondrous sign"

1. There is a PREIST WHO IS beyond all others –

Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. ²⁴ But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. ²⁵ Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶ For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; ²⁷ who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, *appoints* the Son who has been perfected forever. (Hebrews 7:23-28 NKJ)

2. Joshua and his "companions" - :8 have the opportunity to be a "wondrous sign" types of Christ Who is to come, this is the WHY of God's instruction in verses :6-7

Then the Angel of the LORD admonished Joshua, saying, ⁷ "Thus says the LORD of hosts: If you will walk in My ways, And if you will keep My command, Then you shall also judge My house, And likewise have charge of My courts; I will give you places to walk Among these who stand here. (Zechariah 3:6-7 NKJ)

III. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus sweetest Name I know –

1. “My Servant” - :8

Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, *in whom* my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. (Isaiah 42:1 KJV)

And said unto me, Thou *art* my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified. (Isaiah 49:3 KJV)

And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb *to be* his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength. (Isaiah 49:5 KJV)

Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. (Isaiah 52:13 KJV)

2. He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. (Isaiah 53:11 KJV)

And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, *even* my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.²⁴ And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken *it*. (Ezekiel 34:23-24 KJV)

3. “The Branch” - :8

In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth *shall be* excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. (Isaiah 4:2 KJV)

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: (Isaiah 11:1 KJV)

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. (Jeremiah 23:5 KJV)

In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. (Jeremiah 33:15 KJV)

And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name *is* The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out

of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD: (Zechariah 6:12 KJV)

4. “The Stone” - :9

The stone *which* the builders refused is become the head *stone* of the corner. (Psalm 118:22 KJV)

And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. (Isaiah 8:14 KJV)

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner *stone*, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. (Isaiah 28:16 KJV)

To whom coming, *as unto* a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, *and* precious,⁵ Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.⁶ Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.⁷ Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,⁸ And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.⁹ But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:¹⁰ Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. (1 Peter 2:4-10 KJV)

5. “Seven eyes” - :9 The PERFECT PERCEPTION of God, Jesus is always watched by Him

6. God writes the inscription - :9 (Philippians 2:5-11)

7. I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day - :9

For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified. (Hebrews 10:14 NKJ)

8. Verse 10 gives us a picture of Christian fellowship and spiritual prosperity.