

“Is There Anything too Marvelous for the Lord to Do?”

Zechariah 8:1-23

A Call to Faith

God’s people challenged to trust Him to do marvelous works!

1. The Promise of God’s Covenant Faithfulness

vv. 1-8

(1) Grounded in God’s Unchanging Love

*“I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy,
and I am jealous for her with great wrath.”*

- The declaration of love
- The pledge of love

*“I have returned to Zion
and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem”*

(2) Marvelous Promises concerning Jerusalem!

- 1- **A Transformed city! Transformed citizens!** *“Jerusalem shall be called the faithful city,
and the mountain of the LORD of hosts,
the holy mountain.”*
- lit: “the city of truth”

-2- A City at Peace and Secure! vv. 4-5

Near term fulfillment – A wonderful restoration after the Babylonian exile
Ultimate fulfillment – The perfect peace and tranquility of heaven itself.

(3) A Challenge to Trust God to Do Marvelous Works v. 6

- **“marvelous”** wonderful, difficult, incredible *“If it is marvelous in the sight of
the remnant of this people in those days,
should it also be marvelous in my sight,
declares the LORD of hosts?”*
- Gen. 18 – The promise of a child
to Abraham and Sarah
- Jer. 32 – The promise that Jerusalem would be restored
- **“If it seems impossible or incredible to men, should it then seem impossible to Me?!”**

(4) Promise of a Great Ingathering and Full Restoration vv. 7-8

- Near term fulfillment
- A distant fulfillment

2. The Promise of God’s Present Help

vv. 9-17

(1) Be strong in faith! (9-15)

v. 9 *“Let your hands be strong.”*
v. 13 *“Fear not, but let your hands be strong...”*
v. 15 *“...fear not...”*

- **Trust God! Take action!**
Finish what has been begun!

- **Consider what God has already done!** vv. 9-10

- **Consider God’s promise to perfect what He has begun!** vv. 11-15

(2) Be strong in obedience!

“These are the things that you shall do...”

- cf. 7:9-10
- Live the whole of your life for God and His glory!

3. The Promise of God’s Marvelous Future Blessings

vv. 18-23

(1) Fasting turned into Feasting! (18-19)

*“The fast of the fourth month and...the fifth
and...the seventh and...the tenth shall be
to the house of Judah seasons of joy
and gladness and cheerful feasts.”*

- **Near term** cf. 7:3
- **At the coming of Christ** cf. Lk. 5:34
- **Ultimate** Rev. 21:3-4
- **A Call to faith and obedience** *“Therefore, love truth and peace”*

(2) Blessing across the Whole Earth! “Peoples shall yet come!” (20-23)

-1- A work across the whole earth, affecting all the nations!

*“the inhabitants of many cities”
“many peoples and strong nations”
“men from the nations of every tongue”*

-2- An inward work of the Spirit of God! *“they shall come” - Jn. 6:32; 12:37*

- “to entreat the favor of the LORD” = Trusting in the mercy of God in Christ!
- “to seek the LORD of hosts” = seeking the true knowledge of God

-3- Widespread missionary activity! *“the inhabitants of one city shall go to another”*

-4- Men attracted, powerfully drawn by the witness (in word and in life) of God’s people.

Further Application: