

## **“A Marvelous Day Foretold!”**

**Zechariah 3:1-10**

*Our worship, our prayers, our service, our life – all accepted in Christ!*

### **1. A Marvelous Exchange Foretold! - The Vision of Joshua the High Priest – vv. 1-5**

#### **(1) Three Key Figures**

*“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.”*

##### **-1- The Angel of the LORD**

- Another pre-incarnate appearance of Christ!

##### **-2- Joshua the High Priest – The Representative of the Covenant Nation**

Ministering before the Lord - carrying out his priestly duties  
But totally disqualified for such service! There was no priest fit to intercede!

##### **-3- Satan**      The Adversary    cf. Rev. 12:10

#### **(2) The Divine Rebuke    2**

*“And the LORD said to Satan,  
‘The LORD rebuke you, O Satan!  
The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you!  
Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?’”*

##### **- A double rebuke!**

The Son of God brings this rebuke  
on behalf of the Triune God

##### **- Its basis:**

- God’s electing love: The LORD has chosen Jerusalem
- God’s redeeming love: He has determined to deliver His people from judgment they deserve!

#### **(3) The Exchange Portrayed    3-5**

##### **-1- The Sin Problem!**

All of God’s people defiled by sin!

*“Now Joshua was standing before the angel,  
clothed with filthy garments.”*

##### **-2- The Great Exchange!**

*“And the Angel said to those who were standing before him,  
‘Remove the filthy garments from him.’”*

##### **- All of the filth of sin removed!**

Undertaken at the command of the LORD; an act of God’s free grace!  
Accomplished *entirely* by the LORD

##### **- Purity of righteousness granted!**

*“And to him he said,  
‘Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you,  
and I will clothe you with pure vestments.’”*

### **2. A Marvelous Savior Foretold!**

**vv. 6-10**

#### **(1) Those who Prefigured Him: The Priesthood**

*“And the angel of the LORD  
solemnly assured Joshua...”*

##### **- The Priesthood preserved!**

- Their service acceptable!
- Their service would continue until the coming of the Savior
- The promise of divine assistance

##### **- The Priesthood, a Sign!**

*“Hear now, O Joshua the high priest,  
you and your friends who sit before you,  
for they are men who are a sign”*

The priesthood preserved for a reason!

It all pointed to the One who was to come  
It found its reason for existence and its efficacy in Christ

#### **(2) His Identity: “My servant the Branch”**

*“For behold, I will bring my servant,  
the Branch.”*

##### **-1- That One to come from the root and stock of David**

cf. 6:12 “Behold, the man whose name is the Branch”  
Jer. 23:5-6; 33:15 Of the Davidic King: “A branch of righteousness”

##### **-2- The Token of His sure coming: A Stone set before Joshua    9**

- “seven eyes upon it” - The eyes of the LORD cf. 4:10  
- Divinely inscribed!

##### **-3- The greatness of His work described    9b-10**

*“I will remove the iniquity of this land  
in a single day.”*

- Salvation accomplished in one day!

- Eternal blessing and happiness secured in that day! *“In that day...every one of you will  
invite his neighbor to come under  
his vine and under his fig tree.”*

### **Further Application:**