

ZECHARIAH - Jehovah Remembers

"God's Unchanging Law"

Zechariah 5:1-4

INTRODUCTION:

1. Today as we look @ **Vision #6**, we take a sharp TURN!!
2. In Visions **#4 & #5** we saw the "*Gospel According to Zechariah*" and "*The Unlimited Supply of the Holy Spirit*" available to every believer to fulfill the mission God has called us to.
3. This morning, we are looking @ the Holiness of God and that because God is Holy, He cannot tolerate sin and wickedness.
 - a) *AND all who reject God's Grace and Mercy will be punished.*
4. **Zechariah 5:1-4**
5. **HOWEVER** - The Law of God was still to be their **Moral Code**.
 - a) No place, no time, or no circumstance could change God's Law.
6. God's Law is the **REVELATION** of who God is and is the **STANDARD** of Moral Conduct for all nations in all ages.
7. **God's Moral Code** is designed to shape our consciences and to keep alive our sense of sin, and to lead us to **repentance and faith**.
8. **God offers the forgiveness of sin and the power of the Holy Spirit.**
 - a) When that is rejected, (WOW) **JUDGMENT** will come.
9. **Psalm 97:1-3** (A Psalm of David)
10. **Vs 3a**
 - a) "curse"
 - b) **Deuteronomy 29:19-21 NLT**

THREE ASPECTS OF GODS JUDGMENT

I. THE BASIS OF JUDGMENT (His righteous standard)

A. GOD'S ACTIVE WORD

1. *Zechariah 5:1*

- a) "Again, I lifted my eyes and saw"
- b) "and behold, a flying scroll"

2. AND the "scroll" here symbolized God's righteous judgment.

3. "flying" - has to do with the message was **ACTIVE!!** (It's on the move)

- a) *Hebrews 4:12*

4. *Isaiah 55:11*

B. A PRECISE MESSAGE

1. *Vs 2*

- a) "What do you see?" "I see a flying scroll."
 - 1) "Its length is twenty cubits (a cubit is approximately 18 inches) ..."
 - 2) "and its width ten cubits."

2. Which means this flying scroll was 30 feet long and 15 feet wide.

3. Obviously the scroll was unrolled.

- a) And its message was/and still is **SIGNIFICANT**.
 - 1) *1 Kings 6:3* - Entrance to Solomon's Temple
 - 2) *Ezekiel 41:2* - Entrance into the Millennial Temple

4. Which means **GOD HAS A STANDARD OF HOLINESS** for those who wish to fellowship with HIM.

5. *Deuteronomy 28*

C. A UNIVERSAL MESSAGE

1. *Vs 3a*

- a) "This is the curse"
- b) "that goes out over the face of the whole land"

2. *Vs 3b*

- a) "For everyone who steals shall be cleaned out"
- b) "and everyone who swears falsely shall be cleaned out"

3. Here we have **THE** warning of breaking two of the 10 Commandments.

- a) "Though shall not steal" - sin against man

b) "Though shall not swear" - sin against God

4. *Mark 12:30-31*

- a) Vs 30 - is vertical
- b) Vs 31 - is horizontal

II. THE THOROUGHNESS OF GOD'S JUDGMENT

A. THOSE WHO STEAL

1. *Vs 3*

- a) "For everyone who steals"

2. *Exodus 20:15*

- a) Stealing is defined as "taking another person's property without his or her permission."

3. Christians have received tremendous physical and spiritual gifts from God, and we should desire to give back to Him all that we have. When we withhold the things that are rightly His—our time and talents, our possessions and our finances, indeed our very lives—we are in effect stealing from Him.

4. *Malachi 3:8-10*

- a) The tithe supported the Levites, who had no inheritance (
 - 1) *Numbers 18:21*)
- b) It also provided for widows, foreigners, and orphans
 - 1) *Deuteronomy 14:28-29*.

5. *Romans 13:9-10*

6. *Mark 12:31*

7. *Matthew 22:39-40*

B. THOSE WHO SWEAR

1. *Vs 3*

- a) "For everyone who swears"

2. *Exodus 20:7*

- a) "Thou shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain."

3. The God of Israel was known by many names and titles, but the concept embodied in God's name plays an important and unique role in the Bible.

a) God's nature and attributes, the totality of His being, and especially His glory are reflected in His name (*Psalm 8:1*).

b) *Psalm 111:9* tells us His name is "holy and awesome," and the Lord's prayer begins by addressing God with the phrase "hallowed be your name" (*Matthew 6:9*), an indication that a reverence for God and His name should be foremost in our prayers.

c) Too often we barge into God's presence with presumptuous "to-do lists" for Him, without being mindful of His holiness, His awesomeness, and the vast chasm that separates our nature from His.

d) That we are even allowed to come before His throne is due only to His gracious, merciful love for His own (*Hebrews 4:16*). We must never take that grace for granted.

4. The **THIRD COMANDMENT** of the Ten Commandments forbids using the Lord's name in an irreverent manner because that would indicate a lack of respect for God Himself.

a) In the Old Testament, bringing dishonor on God's name was done by failing to perform an oath or vow taken in His name (*Leviticus 19:12*).

b) The man who used God's name to legitimize his oath, and then broke his promise, would indicate his lack of reverence for God as well as a lack of fear of His holy retribution.

5. *There is a larger sense in which people today take the Lord's name in vain.*

a) Those who name the name of Christ, who pray in His name, and who take His name as part of their identity, but who deliberately and continually disobey His commands, are taking His name in vain.

b) Jesus Christ has been given the name above all names, at which every knee shall bow (*Philippians 2:9-10*), and when we take the name "Christian" upon ourselves, we must do so with an understanding of all that signifies.

c) If we profess to be Christians, but act, think, and speak in a worldly or profane manner, we take His name in vain.

- 1) When we misrepresent Christ, either intentionally or through ignorance of the Christian faith as proclaimed in Scripture, we take the Lord's name in vain.
- 2) When we say we love Him, but do not do what He commands (Luke 6:46), we take His name in vain and are possibly identifying ourselves to be among those to whom Christ will say, "I never knew you. Away from me" in the day of judgment Matt.7:21-23.

6. The name of the Lord is holy, as He is holy. The name of the Lord is a representation of His glory, His majesty, and His supreme deity.

- a) We are to esteem and honor His name as we revere and glorify God Himself. To do any less is to take His name in vain.

C. THE EXTENT OF GOD'S JUDGMENT

1. Vs 3

- a) "For everyone who steals shall be cleaned out according to what was on one side"
- b) "and everyone who swears falsely shall be cleaned out according to what is on the other side."

2. "cleaned out?"

- a) It means to be "cut off" from the realm of God's blessing!!!

3. Vs 3

4. Romans 3:19-26

5. Mark 12:30-31

6. 1 Corinthians 3:11-15

7. 2 Corinthians 5:10

III. GOD'S GUARANTEE

1. Vs 4

- a) "I will send it out, declares the LORD of hosts"

2. Vs 4b

a) "and it shall enter the house of the thief, and the house of him who swears falsely by my name."

3. **Romans 8:1**

CONCLUSION:

1. God has a prophetic plan for Israel and the house of the wicked will be destroyed, but the house of the Lord will remain.