

Zechariah 3

Totally Unworthy, Yet Totally Accepted

A picture of our spiritual condition and a picture of Christ who is our salvation.

- I. The divine courtroom shows us our spiritual condition (v. 1-3)
 - a. Joshua, the high priest
 - i. Degree of separation
 - ii. The necessity of mediation
 - b. Angel of the Lord
 - c. Satan: The enemy of God and enemy of all the people of God. He is the accuser of the Saints (rev. 12:10). His name means “accuser.”
 - d. Satan’s accusations would be justified.
 - e. Jesus intervenes: v. 2
 - i. Jesus rebuked Satan
 - ii. The Lord chose his people (Jerusalem)
 - iii. The Lord rescued Joshua – like a branch out of the fire.
- II. The Lord purifies us (v. 4-5)
 - a. The Lord rebuked Satan (v. 2)
 - b. The Lord declares Joshua clean (v. 4-5)
 - c. The Angel of the Lord – Jesus – stops the accusations of Satan, and then removes the basis of accusations (our sin) and makes it impossible to level any more accusations against Joshua.
 - d. Joshua is justified
 - e. Joshua is granted the right of access into heaven (v. 7).
- III. Prediction of Christ’s Passion (v. 8-9)
 - a. My Servant, the Branch (v. 8) Davidic King – Messiah – Is. 53, Jer. 23:5
 - b. Stone with seven facets and an inscription (v. 9)
 - c. “I will remove the iniquity of this land in a single day” (v. 9)