

Wounded in the House of My Friends Zechariah 13:6-7

“What are these wounds on your body?”

“The wounds I was given in the house of my friends.”

*“Awake, sword, against my shepherd,
against the man who is close to me!”
declares the Lord Almighty.*

*“Strike the shepherd,
and the sheep will be scattered,
and I will turn my hand against the little ones.”*

Zechariah 13:6-7

I. Rejection

When they said, “Give us a king to lead us,” this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord.

And the Lord told him: “Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is **not you** they have rejected, but **they have rejected me** as their king.”

1 Samuel 8:6,7

*He chose David His servant
and took him from the sheep pens;
from tending the sheep He brought him
to be the shepherd of His people Jacob,
of Israel His inheritance.
And David shepherded them with integrity of heart;
with skillful hands he led them.*

Psalm 78:70-72

Eden
Abram
Sinai
Zion

*The Lord will extend your mighty scepter from Zion, saying,
“Rule in the midst of your enemies!”
The Lord has sworn
and will not change His mind:
“You are a priest forever,
in the order of Melchizedek.”*

Psalm 110:2,4

II. Protection

One of the servants said to Saul, “One of Jesse’s sons from Bethlehem is a talented harp player. Not only that—he is a brave warrior, a man of war, and has good judgment. He is also a fine looking young man, and the Lord is with him.”

1 Samuel 16:18

David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God.”

1 Samuel 17:34-36

III. Consecration

The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are **fully committed** to Him.

2 Chronicles 16:9

Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the **foolish** things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the **weak** things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the **lowly** things of this world and the **despised** things to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before Him.

1 Corinthians 1:26-29