

ZECHARIAH

Return to me, and I will return to you

Return To Me

Zechariah 1:1-6

February 18, 2024

Today we begin a new series in the book of Zechariah. This opening passage gives us the overarching theme of the book which is summarized by the phrase, "Return to me, says the Lord of hosts, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts." Today we'll explore how understanding the relationship between God and man is essential for our understanding of the entire book.



**WAYPOINT
CHURCH**

Know Where You're Going.

Order Of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

From Psalm 145

Leader: *Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.*

All: *The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.*

Leader: *The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.*

All: *The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.*

Leader: *You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.*

All: *The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.*

Leader: *The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.*

All: *He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.*

Songs of Praise

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

This Is My Father's World

Offering

Confession of Sin

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, and you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak, and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Cleanse me with sacrificial blood, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 55:6-9

Song of Declaration

Christ is Risen

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #78

Q. Do the bread and wine become the real body and blood of Christ?

A. No. Just as the water of baptism is not changed into Christ's blood and does not itself wash away sins but is simply a divine sign and assurance of these things, so too the holy bread of the Lord's Supper does not become the actual body of Christ, even though it is called the body of Christ in keeping with the nature and language of sacraments.

Heidelberg Catechism #79

Q. Why then does Christ call the bread his body and the cup his blood, or the new covenant in his blood, and Paul use the words, a sharing in Christ's body and blood?

A. Christ has good reason for these words. He wants to teach us that just as bread and wine nourish the temporal life, so too his crucified body and poured-out blood are the true food and drink of our souls for eternal life.

But more important, he wants to assure us, by this visible sign and pledge, that we, through the Holy

Spirit's work, share in his true body and blood as surely as our mouths receive these holy signs in his remembrance, and that all of his suffering and obedience are as definitely ours as if we personally had suffered and made satisfaction for our sins.

Pastoral Prayer

Children's Message

Sermon

Return To Me

Zechariah 1:1-6

Pastor James Brignac

Song of Response

Jesus Paid It All

Benediction

Sermon Notes

Return

What did Haggai and Zechariah call the people to do?

While Haggai focused the people on building the temple for the Lord God came to Zechariah and focused him on rebuilding the people and their faith.

– Richard Phillips

What type of relationship does God have with his people?

Genesis 17:7

Exodus 19:5-6

What constant theme do we see throughout the OT?

Repent

What is the warning Zechariah gives (Isaiah 6:9-10 as well)?

Isaiah 6:9-10

Why is repentance necessary?

What is involved in repentance?

Restored

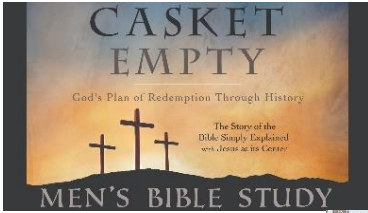
Who is the original audience? What do they need to do?

What is true for all who repent (1 John 1:9)?

Why can we have assurance of forgiveness?

Between us sinners and the thunderclouds of divine wrath stands the cross of the Lord Jesus. If we are Christ's through faith, then we are justified through His cross, and the wrath will never touch us, neither here nor hereafter. - J.I. Packer

Announcements



Every other Tuesday
7:00 PM
Led by Matt Kodatt

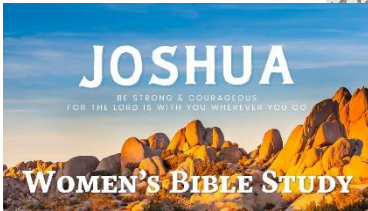
Every other Wednesday
6:00 PM
Led by Kasey Bushman



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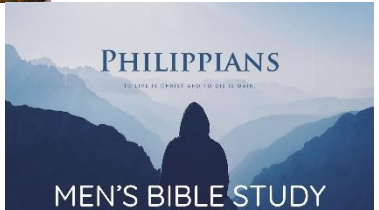
LEARNING TO LIVE BY FAITH

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Every other Wednesday
10:00 AM
At Valerie Thompson's home

Every Wednesday
10:00 AM
Led by Steve Jacques



Saturday, April 13th at the church from 8am-9:30am



Sundays at 6:30 PM
at Waypoint Church

Every Friday at 8:00 AM
Via video conference
Contact Carl Hill for details



Discussion Questions

1. What is your favorite OT book? Why?
2. Read Genesis 17:7 and Exodus 19:5-6. Why is it essential to understand the covenant relationship between God and man?
3. Why is repentance essential for our relationships with God and others?
4. Do you find it difficult to repent of certain sins?
5. What are some ways people try to "fix" their relationship with God on their own?
6. How can we find Jesus in every book of the Bible we read/study?