
ZECHARIAH
GOD'S RESCUE ♦ OUR RESPONSE

Our Holy God's Response to Our Unholiness

Zech. 3:1-10; 2 Co. 5:17

Zechariah 3:1-3

- The Scene
  - A courtroom trial
    - The angel of the Lord sits as Judge
    - Joshua the High Priest stands accused
    - Heavenly beings/angels are in attendance
    - ‘satan’ (the opponent) is the Prosecuting Attorney
      - 1 Chr. 21:1

Zechariah 3:1-3

- The Charge
  - '*dressed in filthy clothes*'
    - Hebrew: 'human excrement or vomit' (Deut. 23:13)
    - High Priest represented all Jewish people (Ex. 28)
    - He is CORRECTLY identified as unworthy!
      - An odious offensive stench with NO HOPE

“It is not merely the problem of having done unclean things, but of being an unclean person. Joshua stands before the angel of the Lord turned inside out, with what he really is on full display, covered with shame and condemned in the court of heaven. Satan, the accuser, does not even need to present the case against him: the filthy clothes Joshua wears do it for him. There is surely no hope for this man, or for those he represents.”

-Webb, The Message of Zechariah, p. 70

Zechariah 3:2, 4-5

- The Verdict
  - *'I will put fine garments on you'*
    - REMOVED filthy garments
    - PUT ON fine garments
    - RESTORED him to position
  - *'See? I have taken away your sin..!'*



Zechariah 3:6-7

- The Conditions
  - '*IF you will walk in obedience to Me and keep my requirements…*'
    - YES, grace is unconditional in that it is offered regardless of past sin
    - NO, grace does not mean there is not an expectation of following Him!!

Zechariah 3:8-10

- The Promise
  - *‘Joshua, you and your associates…are symbolic of things to come”*
  - *‘I am going to bring my Servant, the Branch”*
  - *‘See the stone…7 eyes…I will engrave an inscription’*
  - *‘I will remove the iniquity of this land in a single day’*

Why is Zech 3 one of my top 3 chapters in the OT??

- Honest Truth of our Condition before God
- But GOD *silences* Satan…
- …*And* GOD *rescues* His people from the fire
- Our SIN is Taken Away *ONLY* by God
- We are given NEW ‘clothes’: HIS Righteousness!
- Jesus does all this ‘in one day’ on the CROSS

THIS IS THE GOSPEL!!!

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2 Co. 5:17-21

"God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their sins against them..."

Rom. 3:21-26

"All are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus"

Rev. 7:14

"They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb"

Prayer response!

Have you GIVEN UP *your* attempts to “be a good person” before God?
Do you see the TRUTH of who we ALL are before a Holy and Righteous God?
Can you BELIEVE that God would FREELY trade out YOUR sin for HIS righteousness??

What response could we have other than praise!