

## VISION #3 – SING AND SILENCE – PART 3

--ZECHARIAH 2:10-13--

### INTRODUCTION:

In this morning's verses we come to the end of chapter 2 and the end of the third night vision. Here the prophet records two additional ways God's people ought to respond to His promises, they are in song and in silence. These two responses may seem opposed to one another, but both have a proper place in worship.

Whether we worship in song or silence, genuine praise is never phony or insincere. If both expressions come from a heart that is sincere and meditating on divine truth, then it cannot be anything other than pure worship. In these final verses of the prophet's third night vision, the LORD Himself issued the call for His people to sing and also commanded all flesh to be silent. The reason for both singing and silence was the same, flowing from a right response to the promises, presence, and power of Yahweh of hosts.

#### I. SING FOR JOY! (Zechariah 2:10)

- a. This third night vision was a reminder to the people of Israel that God \_\_\_\_\_ His promises for Israel and for Jerusalem.
- b. In light of the wonder of these promises, the LORD (Yahweh) commanded His people to "\_\_\_\_\_ for joy." (Zechariah 2:10a, NASB95)
- c. The command to sing and be glad was declared to the "\_\_\_\_\_ of Zion."

#### II. REASONS TO SING FOR JOY (Zechariah 2:10-12)

- a. In the remainder of verses 10-12, the LORD gives Israel four \_\_\_\_\_ they should sing for joy and be glad.
- b. The first reason centered on God's \_\_\_\_\_ with the daughter of Zion.
- c. Having issued this wonderful truth that "*I will \_\_\_\_\_ in your midst*" we must again ask ourselves, who is this promise from?

- d. Israel was not only to sing with jubilation because of what God will do for them, but also because of what He will do for the \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. In that day, the nations will \_\_\_\_\_ themselves to Yahweh.
- f. The nations will not just join themselves to Yahweh, but He declares that He will \_\_\_\_\_ Himself to them. (Isaiah 19:25)
- g. He declared, "*Then I will dwell in your midst, and you will know that the LORD of hosts has \_\_\_\_\_ Me to you.*" (Zechariah 2:11b, NASB95)
- h. The LORD declared, "*The LORD will possess \_\_\_\_\_ as His portion in the holy land and will again choose Jerusalem.*" (Zechariah 2:12, NASB95) (Isaiah 53:12)
- i. Not only will He receive His rightful inheritance, but the \_\_\_\_\_ will also receive proper recognition.
- j. All of this reflects the glorious truth that Yahweh will again \_\_\_\_\_ Jerusalem.

#### III. SILENCE (Zechariah 2:13)

- a. After the call for exuberant singing to the Lord in worship, the LORD suddenly cried out a new command, "*Be \_\_\_\_\_, all flesh before the LORD.*" (Zechariah 2:13a, NASB95) (Zephaniah 1:7ff; Habakkuk 2:20)
- b. The Messiah, who is the One still speaking in this verse, demanded this silence from all \_\_\_\_\_, from every living person. (Isaiah 40:17-18, 22-23)
- c. The people are commanded to be silent because Yahweh "*is \_\_\_\_\_ from His holy habitation.*" (Zechariah 2:13b, NASB95) (Isaiah 41:2, 25; 42:13; 45:13)

### CONCLUSION:

What then should be the response of God's people as we consider God's wonderful promises? This passage provided two answers to that question. On the one hand, they should sing joyful praise for what God has said He will do—both for Israel and for the nations, and this will be done all through His Son, the Messiah, who is forever praised! On the other hand, there are also times when our worship

should come in silence as we stand in awe of who God is, knowing that He will one day come to judge the world in righteousness. Whether we express our worship to God through joyful singing or through reverent silence, as God's people we must always respond to Him in worship, knowing what He has already accomplished through His death and resurrection, a salvation that no other man could accomplish, and as we look with anticipation at what He is going to do. He alone is worthy of our worship.