

VISION #1 – GOD’S FAITHFUL REMEMBRANCE – PART TWO

--ZECHARIAH 1:14-17--

INTRODUCTION:

The number and character of God’s promises provide clear testimony to God’s amazing grace which He showers on those who are utterly undeserving. God’s people are called to remember these promises and be encouraged because God remembers them and will fulfill every one of them perfectly. God remembers His promises to His people was the message that Zechariah was to boldly proclaim to the people. Our passage this morning is filled with promises regarding the nations, Jerusalem, and future blessing for Israel, that God remembers all of these demonstrates the nature of His faithfulness.

- I. GOD REMEMBERS HIS COMMITMENT (Zechariah 1:14)
 - a. Zechariah had just witnessed the Angel of the LORD _____ for His people before God the Father.
 - b. First, the prophet was to call or cry out that God remembered His _____ for His people.
 - c. The words of the LORD of hosts show us the intensity of His commitment by saying He was exceedingly _____ for Jerusalem and Zion. (Exodus 20:4-6; Romans 11:29)
- II. GOD REMEMBERS THE NATIONS (Zechariah 1:15)
 - a. Second, the prophet was to declare to the people not only that God remembered His commitment to His people, but that He was “*very _____ with the nations who are at ease...*” (Zechariah 1:15a, NASB95)
 - b. The LORD also explained that the nations were ripe for judgment because He “*was only a little angry, they furthered the _____.*” (Zechariah 1:15b, NASB95)
- III. GOD RESTORES HIS COMPASSION (Zechariah 1:16)
 - a. The third declaration that Zechariah was to make known to the people was that God remembered His _____ for Jerusalem and her citizens.

- b. As He will return to Jerusalem with His great compassion, God revealed that one of the benefits of His return and His compassion will be that “*My _____ will be built in it.*” (Zechariah 1:16c, NASB95)
- c. The LORD of hosts further declared that a _____ line would be stretched over Jerusalem.

- IV. GOD REMEMBERS ALL HIS PROMISES (Zechariah 1:17)
 - a. The final proclamation that Zechariah was to make was that God remembered the _____ of His promises.
 - b. The LORD of hosts declared that “*My _____ will again overflow with prosperity*” (Zechariah 1:16a, NASB95) (Haggai 2:7-8; Joel 3:18; Isaiah 61:4-6)
 - c. The economic prosperity of Israel will reflect the spiritual and relational restoration between _____ and His chosen people.
 - d. With the physical and spiritual transformation, Yahweh “*will again comfort Zion and again _____ Jerusalem.*” (Zechariah 1:16b, NASB95)

CONCLUSION:

The LORD showed His people that though things seemed quiet at the moment, He had not forgotten any of His promises. To the Jews, God message was that He had not forgotten them. His zealous commitment to them was unwavering. Though He would judge the wicked nations with wrath, He looked upon Jerusalem with compassion. Out of that love, He assured His people that what He promised He would complete. For that reason, they could find comfort in Him, knowing that those who hope in the Lord will not be disappointed.

We look at our world, and we might think that God has abandoned us, that He is no longer listening to our prayers. This message that God gave Zechariah can comfort us because God’s character has not changed. If He remembers the promises He made to Israel then we can be assured that He remembers the promises He has made to us. We too can find comfort in our faithful Lord and Savior, knowing that those who hope in the Lord will not be disappointed.