

ZECHARIAH

\\ \\ HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS \\ \\

HOPE IN GOD'S SAVIOR \\ ZECH. 12:10-13:9 // 4.17.16

MAIN
POINT

God _____ His Shepherd
to bring hope to His people.

I. THE _____ OVER SIN (12:10-14)

God's Spirit Is:

- A _____ Spirit.
- A _____ Spirit.
- A _____ Spirit.

"The Spirit produces _____ for sin."

II. THE _____ FROM SIN (13:1-6)

The fountain cleanses both sin and _____.

_____ is having or inventing something in which to
put our trust instead of, or in addition to, the only true God.

We become like what we _____.

III. THE SWORD _____ FOR SIN (13:7-9)

- 1) It is a sword that _____.
- God _____ the sword to strike the Shepherd.
- 2) It is a sword that _____.

How Do We Respond?

God grants godly sorrow.

God draws us to _____.

God leads us to _____ Him.

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God **strikes** His Shepherd
to bring hope to His people.

I. THE MOURNING OVER SIN (12:10-14)

God's Spirit Is:

- A **promised** Spirit.
- A **plentiful** Spirit.
- A **productive** Spirit.

"The Spirit produces **godly sorrow** for sin."

II. THE CLEANSING FROM SIN (13:1-6)

The fountain cleanses both sin and **impurity**.

Idolatry is having or inventing something in which to
put our trust instead of, or in addition to, the only true God.

We become like what we **worship**.

III. THE SWORD APPOINTED FOR SIN (13:7-9)

- 1) It is a sword that **saves**.
- God **commanded** the sword to strike the Shepherd.
- 2) It is a sword that **divides**.

How Do We Respond?

God **grants** godly sorrow.

God draws us to **pray**.

God **leads** us to worship Him.

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QUESTIONS FOR ADULTS

- 1) Mark started the sermon by taking us back to the Exodus, and the scene where Moses strikes the rock in order to receive water to sustain the Israelites in the wilderness. Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-4 and discuss the parallels between the striking of the rock by Moses and the Striking of the Shepherd by God (Zech. 12:10 & 13:7).
- 2) The sermon on Zechariah started with a look at 12:10 and the pouring out of God's Spirit. The Spirit is a promised Spirit, a plentiful Spirit and a productive Spirit.
 - a. When "Will" God pour out the Spirit according to verse 10? (cf Acts 2:22-24; 37-39; 2 Cor. 3:14-18)
 - b. We saw that the Spirit is poured out, signifying that he is a plentiful Spirit. Mark said here that our God is not a stingy God. How do we fight against the temptation to believe that God is stingy with his blessings? What objective truth do we that God is not stingy?
 - c. Finally we saw that God's Spirit produces something in those on whom he is poured out. What does the Spirit produce? (cf. 2 Cor. 7:10-13)
- 3) "On that day" is mentioned in 12:11 and again in 13:1. What "day" is Zechariah referring to?
- 4) "Sinners, it is not for you to cleanse yourself." Mark said this as he showed us that the fountain in 13:1 cleanses us from sin and corruption/defilement/impurity. How can we tell if we are trying to cleanse ourselves versus being cleansed by the Fountain of Christ's blood?
- 5) If it is true that our hearts are idol factories (as John Calvin claimed) and idolatry means we are trusting in something in addition to or instead of God, how often do we need to return to the fountain and be cleansed? What keeps us from coming to the fountain?
- 6) Since it is true biblically that we are what we worship, what are you becoming?
- 7) In 13:7-9 we see God strike the shepherd and divide the people and refine those who are his own. This is a picture of the salvation that Christ accomplished when he was struck down for his people. Mark had a lament at this point, something like, "How slow we are to be fully convinced that God desires to save us." As you consider that statement, does it ring true in your own heart? What difficulties do you have with fully believe God desires to save you, even from yourself? Now read Romans 8:31-39. What hope do you find there?
- 8) Zechariah is meant to bring hope to God's people. Mark exhorted us to respond by seeing that God grants godly sorrow (something of his character), that we are drawn to pray (based on tons of promises we have in the scriptures) and that we are lead to worship (as we look to God and obey his words). Where did you find particular hope from these exhortations?

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QUESTIONS FOR KIDS

Read Zechariah 12:10

- 1) Who can tell me what happened to Jesus when he came to the earth? (He died on the cross)
- 2) Now, do you know why he died on the cross? (To save his people from their sin)
- 3) If it was your sin and my sin that caused Jesus to die on the cross, should we be happy about his death or sad? (Both are right. Happy because we can be freed from death due to our sin, but sad because we are such terrible sinners against such a good and Holy God.)
- 4) In this verse we just read, God promised to send a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy when the people see "the one whom they have pierced". They will cry and be sad when they see Jesus on the cross.
- 5) What is it called when we are sad because we have sinned and turn away from our sin? (Repentance)
- 6) Did you know that repentance is a gift from God? Without God's gift of repentance we would never be sad because of our sin, but only because we have to be punished for sin.
- 7) Do you ever sin?
- 8) Do you ever feel sad because you have sinned, or just because you are disciplined because of your sin?
- 9) I am going to read one more passage of scripture and then we are going to pray that God would grant us true sadness for sin and repentance from our sin.
- 10) Read 2 Cor. 7:10-13 and pray for the kids.