

The Redemption in Zechariah's Seven Vision

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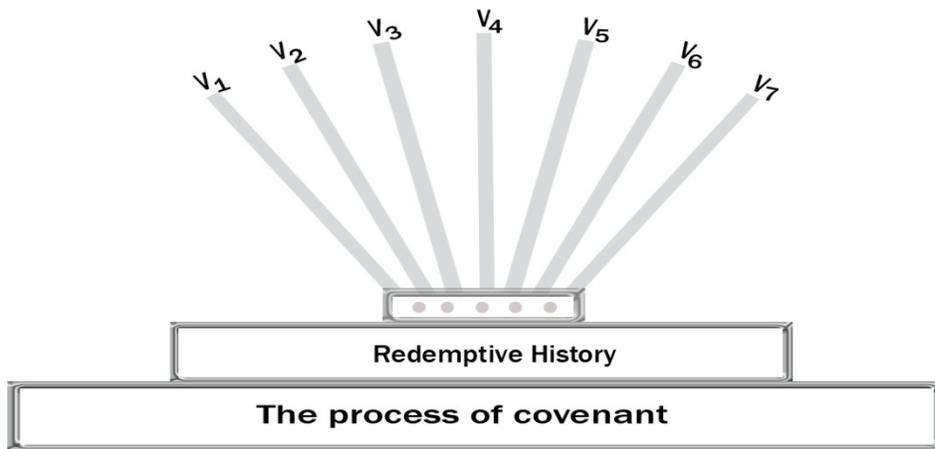
1. Introduction of the book of Zechariah

1) *The Teaching of the book of Zechariah*

(1) Zechariah is set against the background of the first generation of returnees from the Babylonian exile. His night visions are dated to the second year of Darius (520-519 B.C)

(2) Zechariah's visions reveal the features and the glory of Christ's redemption.

2) *The Structure of the book of Zechariah.*



Notes:

1. Seven visions reveal the redemptive history of Christ as the substitute atonement.
2. Seven visions reveal the redemptive process of Christ, those are; the Old covenant, the New covenant and immanuel.
3. Seven visions reveal the restoration of God's image in the church. - Righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. kingship, priestly, prophethood.
4. Seven visions reveal the redemption as three stages, those are, the descend, the suffering, the death, the resurrection of Christ and the work of Holy Spirit and the last consummation of Christ.
5. Seven visions reveal the justification, sanctification and glorification of redemption.

3) The Diagram of 7 visions

Diagram of 7 visions in Zechariah

vision	Text	Theme	Symbols	Interpretation	Redemptive character
1	1:7-17	The rider on the red horse	The Rider The Deep The Myrtle	Pre-incarnated Christ	Center of Redemption/mediator
2	1:8-21	The judger of all nations	four horns four workers	Babylonia, Mede Persia Syria Christ	The righteousness, the criteria of redemption
3	2:1-13	The one who has a measuring line	The Angel of the Lord	Pre- incarnated Christ	The absolute protection and His redemptive love
4	3:1-10	The servant, the branch	The branch	Atonement of Christ	Atonement
5	4:1-14	The golden lamp-stand		Applicatory ministry of Spirit	Spirit's work
6	5:1-11	The wisdom of Lord's judgment		Righteousness of God	Righteousness of redemption
7	6:1-15	The visions of four chariots		Last judgment of God	The center of redemption consummator

1. Meaning

- 1) 7 visions reveal the redemption progressive stream (history)
- 2) The redemptive method is the atonement of Christ.
- 3) The redeemer is the pre-incarnated Christ
- 4) The redemptive character consist of righteousness, mercy and faithfulness, the restoration of God's image.

2. Significance

- 1) Christian salvation depends on the redemptive history of God.
- 2) Christian salvation depends on the merits of Christ (death and resurrection)

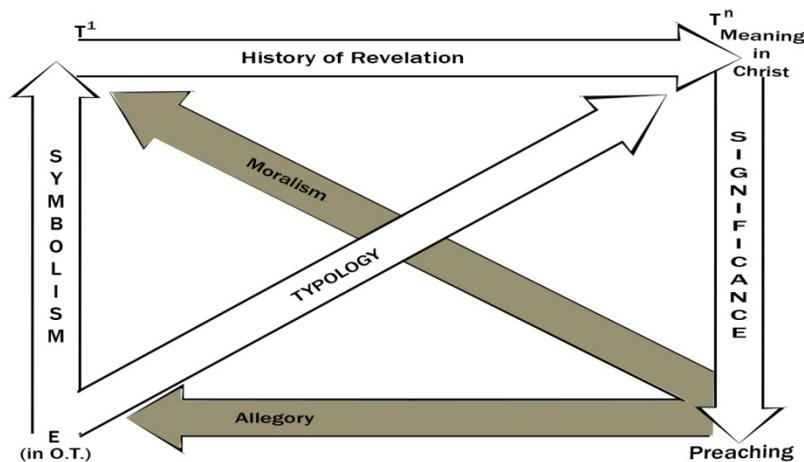
3) Christian abundant salvation depends on merit of Christ.

4) Christian eternal victory depend on the work of Holy Spirit.

4) *Application of Zechariah's messages in the preaching(teaching)*

Application of Zechariah's Message in Preaching and Teaching

(How to make a sermon out of the symbolism text)



Three Principles to understand the meaning

1. Understanding the reality of symbolism in the view of the redemptive history.
2. Meditating the reality, the meaning and the relationship.
3. Applying the reality in teaching and preaching.

For example:

Title: The comfort of redemption of Christ

Text: Zechariah 1:7- 17

Telos: You can enjoy the comfort of redemption by understanding symbolism.

Structure:

Introduction

I. Who is the rider?

1) Interpretation of verses 10-11, what do they mean? (Rev.6:1-2)

Gen1:2 Theophany

2) Application – Jn1:14

- I. What is the valley? Sin and curse the deep(Ex15:5)
 - 1) Interpretation
 - 2) Application
- II. What is the myrtle?
 - 1) Interpretation- the glory of Eden, seeing the glory in Christ
 - 2) Application – we enjoy the glory of redemption.

Conclusion: When we see the redemptive meaning in our lives we can know the true comfort in our Christian life.

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2.Lecture Contents

Lecture 1 **The Rider On the Red Horse** (Zechariah 1:7-11)

Introduction:

- 1) In the Christian life, understanding the Scripture rightly is very important for it is the channel of the vivid grace of God. So we have to learn the stream of the Scripture as the redemptive history well. As the diagnosis of the oriental medicine when we observe any part of the Scripture, we have to feel that stream of the strong points or, the weak points. The fact is needed for interpreting the Prophet book more sensitively.
- 2) Among 7 visions in the book of Zechariah, we observe the first vision now in order to know the stream of the redemptive history. If we understand this vision well, we can know the main key to interpret the symbolism in the Scripture.

Read verse 1:8. “⁸ During the night I had a vision, and there before me was a man mounted on a red horse. He was standing among the myrtle trees in a ravine. Behind him were red, brown and white horses.” Here, we find three features in a

vision, those are; the rider on the red horse, the ravine and the myrtle tree. What do you think of them?

First, who is the rider on the red horse?

- 1) The red horse is the representative horse, because he activated and controlled the activation of other horses, another red horse, brown horse and white horse, "Behind him were red, brown and white horses."

And verses 10-11 says " ¹⁰ Then the man standing among the myrtle trees explained, "They are the ones the LORD has sent to go throughout the earth." ¹¹ And they reported to the angel of the LORD who was standing among the myrtle trees, "We have gone throughout the earth and found the whole world at rest and in peace."

- 2) What do they mean?

- (1) The riding action means "the victory" (Revelation 6:1-2) " I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, "Come!" ² I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest."

- (2) The rider points to the supernatural person, that is, the man who in verse 8 , was standing among the myrtle trees in a ravine. Verses 10-11 say that the man is the Angel of Jehovah, He is the special angel in the Old Testament as pre-incarnated Christ.

- (3) Why did he stand up in the valley for the redemption of his people? Christ completed the redemption on the cross 2000 years ago. He was the angel of Jehovah, who was the pre-incarnated Christ. The symbol means the real meaning of Zechariah's vision that he saw, Christ in the New Testament revealed in the earth about 600 years later. Now the prophet saw the redeemer who accomplished all salvation wonderfully in the power of Holy Spirit. Hebrew 1:3 says "³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven." Now, where is Jesus? He sat down on the right hand of the throne.

- 1) So his vision reveals the glorious reality in our salvation. When we touch that picture, we can see the redemptive historical grace promised to us. Already we have understood it and now abide in the abundant grace in Christ.

As we know, we find the same contents in the several events, the creation, the exodus and the settlement of Canaan belongs to the grace

Look at Gen1:2. "the Spirit of God is the spirit of Christ and revealed the

reality of the redemption to us, which was controlled the presence of God, Immanuel. So Paul pointed that the Lord is the Spirit.(II Corinthian3:17 ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.) After we received the gospel we immediately approached to the presence place, Christ. (Mt 28: 19-20) (I Cor. 5:17)

And also the Exodus reveals that more important event, the presence of God on the Mt. Sinai, the tabernacle and the supernatural miracles in the wilderness. these symbols point the presence of God, theophany(the pillar of the fire and the cloud) that Pre- incarnated Christ had controlled.

And occupying of Canaan points the reality too. True Canaan is not the honey and the milk but the presence of God, Immanuel in Christ. The settlers received the rest out of all the direction, that is, God, Christ.

As we related these events to the Zechariah vision, we now see the presence of God in the vision of redemption, salvation, atonement. The Lord wanted to encourage the frustrated Israel by revealing the abundant redemptive glory to them. When we are frustrated in our personal sin and in our bad condition, we need to see the Christ.(Jn1:14 ¹) the glory of begotten son, the grace and the truth, as the prophet saw. Who is our true comfort? Only Jesus Christ, the rider on the red horse it is.

Second we can see the deep scene.

- 1) The rider stood up in the deep valley, gland, or, in a ravine. What does it mean? To know that meaning, we have to understand the terminological meaning of the word. *mesula* means the deep. The valley is deep. It points God's judgment, the destruction, the sin and the spiritual darkness, Zechariah saw the sin and the condemnation in the same vision. Actually the deep reveals in several revelation again.
- 2) In Genesis 1:2 before creation what is the original state? It was deep, chaos, darkness etc. It means the sin and the curse. The deep reveals the hell as the hall without bottom in Revelation. Why Zechariah saw the scene of mixture of victory and destruction in a vision? It emphasize the redemption. As the white color was revealed more obviously on the black board, the redemption revealed on the background of the darkness, the sin, the curse, the hell, the death as the creation was begun in the background of chaos, deep darkness.
- 3) This deep again reveals in the Noah flood event. The event points the wonderful salvation out of sin and the absolute curse. So Gen.8:1-2 says " But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded. ² Now the springs of the deep and the floodgates of the heavens had

been closed, and the rain had stopped falling from the sky. ³The water receded steadily from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the water had gone down," The flood was called for deep.

- 4) And also the deep again in the event of Exodus event. Miriam sang a song as the Israelite was saved from the deep red sea. As these examples did, the deep in the vision proclaimed the wonderful salvation obviously to us. Zechariah saw that marvelous redemption. (Ex15:5 "Pharaoh's chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh's officers are drowned in the Red Sea.⁵ The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone.)
- 5) In summary, the savior is the angel of Jehovah, Christ. And the background of salvation is the absolute destruction. So we should admit that total corrupted state in our salvation. True salvation have to understand two things, those are; glorious salvation and the absolute death. This is the true salvation face. Therefore we should check up our Christian life as the experience of Isaiah 6:5 "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

Third, the prophet observes the myrtle tree that the angel stood up among.

1) What does it mean? The myrtle points the presence of God as Eden's glory. When Christ descended on the place the presence be with him even though it was absolute deep darkness, his presence rules over that place. It points the work of the Holy Spirit those are; light, freedom, hope, and the changed state. When the Spirit works in any time, any place, we can get the wonderful presence, the eternal life and the spiritual grace and the heavenly abundance. This is our redemption, our recreation. Zechariah saw the abundance of redemption and the glory of salvation. Do you see the redemption?

2) Lord's transfiguration event reveals the glorious redemption. Even though Christ was changed by the Holy Spirit, then Peter confessed "I stay here." Why? Because he saw the glory of the redemption he did it.

Today the same event is ours. we saw the Zechariah vision that pointed true redemption and its glory. In our pastoral ministry, we need that same experience. We should confess automatically to stay here I love so much."

Conclusion:

We have to see the vision. We have to know the meaning in your lives. Then, we know the true comfort, true savior, true salvation.

Introduction:

- 1) The people call it for as “the vision of four craftsmen”. Continuously Zechariah saw the other vision that controls the world history. What does it mean? we need the interpreting the vision. In a word it reveals the almighty hand of providence of the Lord. Cambodia’s history of killing field is included in the hand.
- 2) In the Cambodia mission history we can read the providential hand of God to proclaim the gospel to the people. Among them I had read that Cambodia government denied any missionaries under the French. Then a man who lived in the Montana, she prayed for 25 years for Cambodia Evangelization. Then Her friend who was a daughter of French king, knew the fact and helped that that foreigner missionary entered into Cambodia, At that time the door of gospel in Cambodia was opened. It was the hand of God.

- 3) For the reconstruction of Israel the Lord worked in the international situation for his will. So today we want to observe the hand of God, the invisible hand. This hand works in our heart, in our personal life and in the school life. Do you believe in it?

Here, who are the four craftsmen? What did they do? What is the result of their works?

I. God is the absolute judge in the world.

- 1) Who commanded to four craftsmen? The sovereignty God commanded. His command is absolute in history because He is the only creator, judge and consummator.

Although the Israelite committed sin and was fallen down in the miserable state, God's unfailing love could not be changed. Among his fiery angry He did not forget his mercy to his people. But the discipline is painful. Hebrew 12:7-11 says "7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? 8 If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. 9 Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! 10 They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. 11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it."

- 2) So the servants who He sent to the world had the absolute authority. And also His words has the absolute authority in the ministry.
 - (1) The herald has the king's authority. the preacher is the healer of the King. If the man cannot listen to his command, he shall reject the king and His command. In a meaning, the preacher takes very important position because he has the authority of the king. But the responsibility follows him.
 - (2) Is 56:8-11 says "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.10 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,11 so is my word

that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”

- (3) What is the character of the authority of God’s Word? It is the absolute authority. Four craftsmen mean four countries, Babylon, Mede, Persia and Greek. Although they were very strong nations in the history, finally they were destroyed by the hand of God because of their sins. For example, Do you know how Babylon was destroyed in the world? The king, Belshazzar took a festival with his officials with drinking by using the temple instruments in the palace. Suddenly a hand was revealed on the wall and wrote some letters. “This is the inscription that was written: mene, mene, tekel, parsin “Here is what these words mean: *Mene*: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end. *Tekel*: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting.²⁸ *Peres*: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.” (Dan5:25-28)

Finally at that night the nation was destroyed by another official. God condemned the king by His hand. In the history all nations have been controlled by the invisible hand of God.

- 1) In our times, at Cambodia, we have to tremble the hand of God who are moving all people, all economy, all culture and all political situation. The indivisible hand of God is working on us.

Do you believe in it?

When I saw the hand of God at Mr. Kakeda village at the last week. I am surprised at the thing. As soon as we arrived at that, only 5 persons came there. Gradually the numbers of men were grown until above 50 persons were gathered. Suddenly one church was made in the first time in my life. I knew God used them. I expect that the church evangelize all villages within this years. If God works in it, wonderful things shall be happened. Do you believe in it?

II. God is the complete judger

- 1) the absolute judger is the complete judger, The complete judger destroys all thing and reconstructs all thing because he has almighty power. Do you believe in it?
- 2) Our salvation is accomplished by the almighty God. Although he destroyed all sin, all conviction and all punishment, he restored all

things as new things in us. Paul knew it. Roman chapter 5 reveals this fact obviously to us.

Rom5:17-19 says “For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.”

- 3) We have to understand true salvation that consisted of the positive thing and the negative thing. So reformed Christians want to follow the complete salvation in the world. The history tells us four kinds of attitudes to the culture, those are; (1) the Christianity that destroyed all culture (2) the Christianity that leave out of the culture (3) the Christianity that compromised with the culture (4) The Christianity that reformed the culture by destruction and reconstruction, which we follow.

When the Puritans built the houses, they wanted to build the house that their Lord dwell. They wanted that the Lord in every place should be entertained by the people because they believe that complete judger. So when we criticized something we should propose the substituted answer to them. if he only complains about a certain thing, he will be a negative person. We have to become a positive person in Christ.

III. God executed the detailed judge.

- 1) Our God is the absolute judger and the complete judger. And also he is the detailed judger in the small thing and the big thing. he is the detailed judger.

He treated every nation, every person and every thought. So we have to tremble him.

In our pastoral ministry, we have to learn the detailed clear heart. Take away the thinking with getting some aids, without getting any support, we can make new history in our Lord. Then we become a strong man and a strong woman. Then we can change Cambodia.

When we live with some help we awaken out of our heart. We have to think the thanksgiving. Have some dream to help to our poor neighbors. How can we help them? By money or, by power or, by wisdom? it is not our purpose, but one of our methods. But more important thing is to serve them with the gospel. We have to change them by our thought and our godly life. Have such dream in your heart.

Conclusion:

- 1) Cambodia call us, and South East Asia call us “help us!” They stay in the shadow of curse of God without understanding the gospel. We have to response to them urgently.
- 2) Cast yourself to the stream of redemptive work flown by be controlled by God of the Scriptures. He is the absolute God, the complete God and the detailed God.

Lecture 3 The Man Who have A Measuring Line (Zechariah 2:1-13)

Introduction

Here, the man is the rider on the red horse. pre-incarnated Christ. What shall he accomplish at Jerusalem? We can find three important issues that are related to the redemption. First of all, we have to admit that he is the Angel of the Lord. Zechariah see the redemption of the angel of the Lord for his own people. The metaphor reveals the glory of redemption of Christ very obviously to us.

I. It is to make the new Jerusalem as our absolute refuge.

- 1) Verses 3-5 say, “ He answered me, “To measure Jerusalem, to find out how wide and how long it is.” ³While the angel who was speaking to me was leaving, another angel came to meet him ⁴and said to him: “Run, tell that young man, ‘Jerusalem will be a city without walls because of the great number of people and animals in it. ⁵And I myself will be a wall of fire around it,’ declares the LORD, ‘and I will be its glory within.”

- 2) The focus of the metaphor is set at the protection of Jerusalem, as a city without walls, with the fire wall. And the Lord shall be the glory in the city. This expression suggests us about the abundant reality of redemption. What are they? They point the absolute protection as the Eden Garden(Gen.3:24) and as the protection of Samaria of the northern Israel out of attacking of Syria.(IIKing6:15-19) God is the double protector of Jerusalem. Later in the New Testament, Jesus emphasized that the double protection for his people. Jn10:28-29 “²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all^[c]; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.” “ Now, we live in the fire wall in the world as we know when Israel came out of Egypt through the pillar of fire that protected Israel out of attacking of Egyptians. It is the fire wall. Isaiah emphasized that absolute protection for his people.(Ish41:8-10)“But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham my friend, ⁹ I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, ‘You are my servant’; I have chosen you and have not rejected you.¹⁰ So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” The Old Testament emphasized such symbolic points but now we live in Christ’s complete armor.(Ephsian6:10-11) “ ¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.” Immanuel is protection of protections. Our Lord shall keep his promise faithfully, “I will be with you eternally.”
- 3) When we serve the world in the name of Jesus, we should claim such protection. Many people are wandering because of that issue in their future about money, health, and relationship. Then we look at the new Jerusalem I Jesus Christ as an element of abundant redemption.

II. God shall rules over the kingdom

- 1) Verse 6-9 say, “Come! Come! Flee from the land of the north,” declares the LORD, “for I have scattered you to the four winds of heaven,” declares the LORD. “Come, Zion! Escape, you who live in Daughter Babylon!” ⁸ For this is what the LORD Almighty says: “After the Glorious One has sent me against the nations that have plundered you—for whoever touches you touches the apple of his eye— ⁹ I will surely raise my hand against them so that their slaves will plunder them.[b] Then you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me.”
- 2) From that passage we can find another element of kingdom as feature of our redemption. What is it? It is that God Himself rules over the kingdom of God

as his sovereignty power. He shall give the freedom out of captive states of Babylon, and He shall destroyed their enemy with his powerful hand (four winds) Still God loves the Zion as the ball of the eyes and also his judging hand shall make them known the Lord deeply. In other words the knowledge of God shall overflow in the earth by his dominion of the kingdom.

- 3) We now live under any dominion anytime, anyplace in the earth. Cambodian cannot depart out of the dominion of this government. But we should observe the superior dominion, God's hand in the Scripture. So we have to seek first the his kingdom and his righteousness in our actual lives. (Matthew 6:33) because we belongs to the redemption of the kingdom.

III. All nations shall be joined in the city.

- 1) And also the redemption points the other wonderful feature. It is the point of universal redemption except the national zion. So, verses 10-13 says "Shout and be glad, Daughter Zion. For I am coming, and I will live among you," declares the LORD. 11 "Many nations will be joined with the LORD in that day and will become my people. I will live among you and you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you. 12 The LORD will inherit Juion.dah as his portion in the holy land and will again choose Jerusalem. 13 Be still before the LORD, all mankind, because he has roused himself from his holy dwelling."
- 2) These passages emphasize the universalism of redemption that is, the chosen people among all nations shall return to the Zion. Actually the prophesy was accomplished in the New Testament. The Acts reveals that all national people gathered at Jerusalem at the feast of Pentecost. They were the first universal church in the history, consisted of the Gentile and Israel. This is the detailed accomplishment of the redemption by the providential hand. Now we live in it.
- 3) When we study the Scripture at this school we should see the glorious redemption , absolute protection, the sovereignty dominion of God and the universal redemption. For this purpose we have to devote ourselves to Him.

After we finish to proclaim this abundant grace to our neighbors, we shall go to the eternal world.

Conclusion:

Please do not see to the miserable picture, the secular vision. But we have to concentrate to the glorious vision, the abundant redemption in Christ. Here we have to invest our whole life in will of God. This is our sufficiency, our contents, our source and our power in the world.

Lecture 4 “My servant, the Branch” (Zech 3:1-10)

Introduction:

The vision reveals the character of the Redeemer, God who solves the sin that is, the stumbling block to contrast against the new work. Joshua in the dirty clothing means the miserable state of Israel. First of all, God demolished the accusation of Satan and put the new clothe and new crown on him. And also in the future the new branch will come out on the earth.(8) We received this grace and shall receive it more abundantly in order to enjoy the redemption of our Lord as new branch. Today, we want to know who the new branch and what did he give us. If we know the branch, we can see the glorious blessing in our heart. What kinds of blessing is it?

I. He removed all sins eternally.

1) The text is as the scene of Job chapter 1:1-3 (1) Joshua who stands up on the heaven court was accused by Satan. Jehovah rebuked Satan two times and he took off his dirty cloth and made to put on his body new cloth and new crown. (4-5) A

God said that he shall keep my law and shall my house and my yard. (6-7)

2) Here we can learn two things about the remission. 1) Sin brings the failure absolutely to us. The destruction of Israel comes out of the sins. It is not the negative sin but the positive sin. The spiritual sin of leaders is more dangerous. 2) Only the angel of the Lord can clean all sins. Because of the condemnation of Jehovah, the accusation of Satan did not be admitted by God. God rebuked that they cannot accuse them again. The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes." Then he said to Joshua, "See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put fine garments on you."

3) "The Angel of Jehovah or, Jehovah points reality of our Lord Jesus Christ. The death of the Lord can forgive our sins. (Heb10:17) We should not search for the reasons to lose the power and rejoice. How do we have as we did not positive things? We have to return to the fullness of Holy Spirit, the failing love and the help to our neighbors out of the ceasing prayer.

II. He came as our branch.

1) In verse 8-10 we can see the new work of God in the vision. It is the work of new branch that is the vision of coming of Christ at the eschatological time.

"Listen, High Priest, Joshua, you and your associates seated before you, who are men symbolic of things to come: I am going to bring my servant, the Branch."(8, Ish11:1 Jre.23:5)

2) What shall the branch work? 1) He will begin with new ministry. As the second man or, the last Adam he will clean away all sins and accomplish new thing. He shall complete the new branch movement, the mustard movement and the yeast movement, not the a burring stick snatched from the fire 2) (II Cor.5:17) When they attach to Christ he can product the abundant fruit. (Jn15:5)

3) Through the work of Holy Spirit the effective of remission will be made eternally. The stones that are established before Joshua point Christ. In verse 9 seven eyes in the stones and inscription engraved means the Holy Spirit that is sent on the entire world. He made Christ's merit to be effective. "See, the stone I have set in front of Joshua! There are seven eyes on that one stone, and I will engrave an inscription on it,' says the Lord Almighty, 'and I will remove the sin of this land in a single day."

4) The work of seven devils will be counterfeit but the one of seven Spirit will be absolute. The Cross of Christ will be revealed the effective by the power of Holy Spirit. 3) True spiritual fellowship will be accomplished by God. Verse 10 said to us the abundant life at the day. 'In that day each of you will invite your neighbor to sit under your vine and fig tree,' declares the Lord Almighty.

5) The people points the Christians of the New Testament. The day will reveal the spiritual fellowship in the Holy Spirit. The Lord who was expressed by the servant of Jehovah, the angel of Jehovah or, Jehovah works before 2000 year and now works in the Spirit. Expect the new work. Receive the remission. Expect the abundant fellowship in Christ. Let's go to this blessed place.

III. We should bring up the fruit by abiding in the branch.

- 1) As a weak branch Jesus Christ came into the earth to bring up his abundant fruit in the world. Although he is very weak branch and ugly face, he is so strong and beautiful in the earth and in the heaven. So his small branches as the churches we can bring up the abundant fruit in the world. (Jn15:5) What is the condition? It is to abide in him. What does it mean? It is to communicate to Christ and intimacy with Christ.
- 2) What kinds of fruit? There are two kinds in it. One is the character fruit. Soon this is the fruit of the Spirit to reveal character of God by the Holy Spirit in the world. And the other is the evangelism fruit. It means to take disciples in the world. How can we bring up much fruit? It is to abide in the branch.
- 3) Especially we live in the day of eschatology. Our goal must be to bear much fruit. It is to restore God's image, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. Through much prayer and much meditation we can taste to bring up the abundant fruit in our lives.

Conclusion:

According to Zechariah's prophecy, the branch came on the earth. He accomplished all the plan of our sovereign God. In the branch we can be changed into the image of God. Therefore we have to approach on the mission to evangelize in the village. Let's respond to the Lord's calling.

Lecture 5 The Vision of Golden Lampstand (Zechariah 4:1-14)

Introduction:

- 1) Now we see that wonderful abundance of redemption in Christ through 6 visions of Zechariah. As we read the vision, we see that the pictorial revelation focuses on the Holy Spirit in comparing to the vision 4 that emphasized Christ. We see the work of Christ as well as the work of the Spirit in the reality of our redemption. Can you see it in the Zechariah visions?
- 2) Especially the vision of the text emphasizes that only the Holy Spirit can change the big mountain into the plain ground. Verse 7 says, "What are you, mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground." Here, the golden lampstand point the church and the golden oil the Holy Spirit, and two branches of the oil tree were Joshua and Zurubbabel who were led by Holy Spirit.

I. The Holy Spirit makes the big mount changed the level ground.

1) First of all, we see the lampstand (morenah) in the vision. Do you know that meaning? The image of pure golden lampstand points that the revival of the church shall be happened by working of Holy Spirit. This work happened in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. We believe in that the every works in the Old Testament concentrated on the redemption by the Holy Spirit who was expressed in the symbols or, the direct facts.

And also in reviewing the book of Acts, we can understand the Holy Spirit can accomplish the redemption of Christ.

-When Holy Spirit descended on the church, they received the owner of God. (At1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”),

-On the Pentecostal day, Holy Spirit comes on the church. (2:1-2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.).

-And when the Holy Spirit comes on, the multitude received another power. (4:26-29 The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one.²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸ They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.)

- As the Spirit depended on the church, the door of the gospel was opened towards the gentiles from the Cornelius family.(10:45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles.)

-And the Spirit gave some direction of sending the missionary at the church of Antioch(13:2 “While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”)

-And also as the door of the gospel will be opened to the Europe. the church received the direction of Jesus’s Spirit.(16:6-7 Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. ⁷ When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to.)

-As every problem was removed by the power of Holy Spirit politically, religiously and spiritually into the even ground. Before the church every stumbling block should be changed into the plain ground.

God testimonies his redemption by the work of the seven eyes.(10, 3:9) The Spirit who were sent into all areas shall become the level ground. The work of the angels to supervise all the areas, the work to remove the horns, the work of God's protection and the work to remove all sins(3:9) are accomplished by the communication of Holy Spirit. It is the eschatological promise.(Is.40:4.42:16, Mt17:20, 21:21-22, Mk11:22-23, Lk17:6, I Corin13:2) Because every mountain of our sin were destroyed before us, every problem already had be perished. When you meet some mountain of problem, command it in the name of Jesus. It shall be solved before you wonderfully.

II. God accomplishes his will through the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit needs the spiritual leaders for the revival of the church. They are the people who stand firm to serve the Lord.(14 So he said, "These are the two who are anointed to^[b] serve the Lord of all the earth.") Zurubabel and Joshua, who were the spiritual leaders were the channel of Holy Spirit. Although few thousand bolt electricity flow, if it has no the electric channel, it shall be useless.

What did the text promise through the Holy Spirit? He makes the big mountain become the level ground.(purpose- accomplishment) and began the temple (motive-goden oil- Holy Spirit) and fulfilled the temple (method- faithfulness).

By their spiritual leadership the Work of God in our ministry shall be begun and completed. So we have to pray that our spiritual leaders should be filled by Holy Spirit.

III. Holy Spirit works in the ministry through the obedience of prayer.

1) To the work of Zurubbabel, the multitude responded the obedience, harmony and corporation. The Lord declared that to Zurrubbabel grace, grace. It means that they prayed to God. God worked through the only man. God demands the response of all body. Verse 7 says, " "What are you, mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. Then he will bring out the capstone to shouts of 'God bless it! God bless it!'" " And verse 10 says " "Who dares despise the day of small things, since the seven eyes of the LORD that range throughout the earth will rejoice when they see the chosen capstone^[a] in the hand of Zerubbabel?" The obedience of the saints is short cut way of wonderful work. So the obedience is than the offering. Especially the prayer of the saints is the tool that accomplished the work of God. Without the prayer no work.

2) Today again we shave to check up our obedience of pray to God. Then the will of God shall be accomplished in our lives.

Conclusion:

Through the Holy Spirit the church shall be revived. Let's long the fullness of Holy Spirit that the Act reveals to us every time in order to flow in our heart. Let's believe on it and

approach it in order to change into the level ground before you. Because every mountain shall be the level ground before the church.

Lecture 6. God's Wisdom of Judgment (Zechariah 5:1-11)

Introduction:

- 1) The text reveals the wisdom of God's judgment through two aspects, the vision of the flying scroll and the vision of the woman in an epha in one vision. because two symbolisms explain the judgment to Israel who was corrupted by the severe sins (idolatry and adultery).
- 2) What is the wisdom of judgment that God executed?

I. God control the sin.

- 1) What does the woman in Epha mean? It means the sins of the world.

Verse 6 I asked, "What is it?" He replied, "It is a basket." And he added, "This is the iniquity of the people throughout the land."

Verse 7-8 "Then the cover of lead was raised, and there in the basket sat a woman!
⁸ He said, "This is wickedness," and he pushed her back into the basket and pushed its lead cover down on it."

-The cover of lead means to control the conscience of Judah people. This is the wisdom that God prohibit the wicked sins in the world now.

Ex: The flood of Noah controlled violent corruption of world sins (Gen.6:)

Ex: The extreme sinful desire to kill David was controlled by God.()

- 1) Ex: the contemporary sins that spread rapidly to the world shall be controlled by God's hand, as the voice of rooster(Peter), the saying of donkey (Baaalam), through some suffering. We should listen to the voice of good conscience. (Hebrew)

II. God divides between the goodness and the evil.

- 1) Verse 9 says "Then I looked up—and there before me were two women, with the wind in their wings! They had wings like those of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between heaven and earth." God control the sins and also divide the goodness and the evil.

Verse 10-11 says , ""Where are they taking the basket?" I asked the angel who was speaking to me. He replied, "To the country of Babylonia^[c] to build a house for it. When the house is ready, the basket will be set there in its place."

- 2) In the world we have to discern two things obviously in our heart.

This is the wisdom of Holy Spirit.

III. God gave the freedom by the power of Holy Spirit.

1. God controls the sinful desire by the work of Holy Spirit.

Verse 9 says, "Then I looked up—and there before me were two women, with the wind in their wings! They had wings like those of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between heaven and earth." The wing is like the chariots of cherubim in Ezekiel 1:23-25.

2. The freedom of Holy Spirit makes us moved the freedom out of the sins, sufficiency out of the necessity and grace out of the thorn in our Christian life.

Conclusion

In our pastoral ministry and mission field we have to learn the wisdom of Holy Spirit. Pastor elder and deacon should use the wisdom of Holy Spirit in the world. Because our mission field is filled with worldly crafts against the heavenly wisdom. We have to seek the above wisdom as James emphasized, (James 3:13-18).

Lecture 7 The Vision of Four Chariots (Zech. 6:1-15)

Introduction:

- 1) The vision of four chariots is the last vision in Zechariah essentially that ended as verses 1-8. From verse 9 the coronation reveals. Even though the coronation is a symbolism, it is very important that points the dominion of the King Messiah. (9-14) “A man who is called for the branch” comes in order to reconstruct the temple and ruled over it peacefully. Here we listen that the centric message of Zechariah is the revival that they should pursue through the Holy Spirit.
- 2) As the Word of Roman 8:28, the goodness that God shall accomplish in us points the spiritual revival by speaking two things in our text. What are they?

I. It means the sufficient ministry.

1) The activities of four chariots in the text are related to the first vision. The activities of red horse, white horse, black horse and colorful horse reveal the nations that destroyed Israel as Syria, Babylon, Egypt. Historically these nations were destroyed really. It was the accomplishment of verse 8. “Then he called to me, “Look,

those going toward the north country have given my Spirit[c] rest in the land of the north.”

“This is the prosperity of messiah and also it points that before Zurubbabel the great mountain shall be level ground.

Here, we can learn two wonderful things of the Lord.

1) First, the providence of God is very absolute as it was suggested in a picture, “the chariot comes out of the bronze mountain.” His works and His providence as the chariot that comes out of the strong mountain shall be fulfilled by the owner.

2) Second, and also we observe the work of the Holy Spirit that four wind of heaven points. He works for the salvation as well as for the judgment. He works as the wind and his ministry shall be absolute and sufficient. The event of cross gives us true sufficient salvation through the wise work of the Holy Spirit. Especially we feel that our salvation is good enough in our heart. We enjoy true contents that comes out of the cross, the resurrection and the Spirit.

Ex: The secret that David overcomes all his enemies by the goodness of God is the example of Christian life. Although he was persecuted by Saul very much and took many chances to kill him, David did not use his wrong method. Finally he became to the useful channel of God in his life.

3) Do you believe that God works wonderfully in us? We have to work everything according to the sufficient work of Holy Spirit. In this week we have to pursue to true sufficient ministry, the sufficient heart in our school life. So we have to seek to the work of Holy Spirit in our lives. Please, stop to trust the man’s good points but pursue to trust the Spirit in the Word of God.

II. It means to accomplish the peace.

1) In verse 5, the scene of coronation was appeared. “The angel answered me, “These are the four spirits of heaven, going out from standing in the presence of the Lord of the whole world.” By this thing the faith of returners, Heldaea, Tobia, yeodaya and Josiah were restored by God’s grace. Especially Messiah, the new branch comes to the world and reconstructs the temple and accomplishes the work of peace. (12 “Tell him this is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘Here is the man whose name is the Branch, and he will branch out from his place and build the temple of the LORD.’”) He is the high priest and the king who fulfills the work of peace. Actually he accomplished all things. This is the righteousness, the peace and the delight in the Holy Spirit. It is the fulfillment of 3:10, “In that day each of you will invite your neighbor to sit under your vine and fig tree,’ declares the LORD Almighty.”

- 2) Today our world needs the heavenly peace. All the peace of person, family and country comes out of the Christ- centric life. Why? Because true peace comes out of the branch, Jesus Christ. So we have to abide in Jesus Christ. It means to admit the Lordship any time, any place. So we need to do the habitual prayer and the meditation of the Word of God.

As we know, the greatness of David comes out of to sustain the Lordship of Jehovah. So He did not want to kill the king, Saul against the Lordship. When his friends exhorted his Lordship, he disliked to become a owner at his good chance. Why? Because he knows the true Lord in his situation he could serve the Lord in his heart. This is the way of true peace that comes out of living God.

Conclusion:

We have to check up the sufficient and peaceful heart in our ministry. Do you have these things in your heart in your school life? Yesterday, I met two persons in a village. They have no the sufficient heart and the peaceful heart in his life. One person is the abnormal marriage life in his life. he has five wives as a Samaritan woman of John 4:. It is very sorrowful life. And also I met a monk who had the bright face. After I greeted to him someday I will meet him at the pagoda in order to give true peace of Christ Jesus. Although his face was so peaceful I could see miserable heart from his attitude. I pray that they shall return to Christ, our true branch by repentance and faith and possess the sufficient heart and the heavenly peace.

Conclusion:

Until now we have thought the wonderful redemption in seven visions in Zechariah. We abide in the blessing, the abundant redemption in our personal life and our pastora ministry . Moreover we want tp proclaim the facts to the world. So As zechariah revealed in his last parts we have to listen to the his urgent command, “ return to the EWod of God” and also see the glory of the complete redemption.

1.Return to the Word of God! (Zech. 7:1-8)

When we pursue the new things gradually our Lord says that we have to return to the first words. About the question that Bethel people asked to the Lord ““Should I mourn and fast in the fifth month, as I have done for so many years?”(4) The Lord answered that you should return to the Word of God. “Ask all the people of the land and the priests, ‘When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh months for the past seventy years, was it really for me that you fasted? [6](#)And when you were eating and drinking, were you not just feasting for yourselves? [7](#)Are these not the words the Lord proclaimed through the earlier prophets when Jerusalem and its surrounding towns were at rest and prosperous, and the Negev and the western foothills were settled?’ ” (7)

I. How should we proclaim the Word of God?

Here we observe how the revelation of God comes to us. (1) In the Old Testament was come to us as the types of pectoral revelation, dream, vision, miracles, rim and Dummies to explain them. 8 visions reveal the state of Israel's miracle state of corruption, the cause of corruption and the condemnation and salvation. The symbolism, metaphor and picture provide abundant revelation to us.

For example the event of crossing the red sea means the baptism of church. The descending manna means the christen spiritual daily food, Christ and His Words. So the Christians who received the revelation revealed by them can proclaim the will of God. (Act2:17)

And also he gave the revelation by the prophets. "Are these not the words the Lord proclaimed through the earlier prophets when Jerusalem and its surrounding towns were at rest and prosperous, and the Negev and the western foothills were settled?" (7) they made their hearts as hard as flint and would not listen to the law or to the words that the Lord Almighty had sent by his Spirit through the earlier prophets. (12)

(2) It was revealed by the prophets(7,12) So David was controlled by Gath and Nathan and Paul of New Testament way Ananias and seven churches in the minor Asia by the angels (pastors)of the churches. Then church was established on the prophets and Apostles on the cornerstone Christ Jesus. (Eph2:20) So they admitted the authority of Moses as the God's authority. In the meaning today pastors have the same authority as they stand on the revelation as the proclaimer of revelation.

3) It is proclaimed by Holy Spirit. "They made their hearts as hard as flint and would not listen to the law or to the words that the Lord Almighty had sent by his Spirit through the earlier prophets. Moses's law is the voice of Holy Spirit and the Scripture is the voice of Holy Spirit. Today the Holy Spirit says through the Scripture and in the Scripture. At the meaning the Scripture is divine and personal character. Really when we received the fullness of Holy Spirit we can learn that it is the sword of the Spirit. Only this one is the true revelation and give make our lives to be abundantly.

II. How do we return to the Word of God?

And again God teaches how we treat the Word of God at the point of history. In one word it is the absolute obedience. Why is the obedience so important? According to verses 10-14 by the disobedience the beautiful earth was changed into the wilderness. " 'When I called, they did not listen; so when they called, I would not listen,' says the Lord Almighty. "I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations, where they were strangers. The land they left behind them was so desolate that no one traveled through it. This is how they made the pleasant land desolate.' " (14) what is the cause of Saul's failure? After he overcome against Amole in the battle, he could not control his covet. Because of his small disobedience he filled down into the miserable state that he should search for the psychic. (Siam 28:18) The

demolition of Israel was brought by the disobedience of God's Word; their revival shall be made by the obedience of Israel. Therefore the returning movement to the Scripture should not be limited in Israel. And also we have to return to the Scripture and try to be examining by the mirror of the Scripture.

2. The Day of glorious Jehovah (Zech.14:1-21)

Introduction

Finally, the issue of reconstruction of the temple and their spiritual problem for 14years was solved as God returning to Israel. Actually Zechariah saw the glory of the New Testament. The text reveals the glory and promise of that day.

I. God establishes the church highly in the world.

According to verses 1-7 Jehovah Himself who made to fight Israel against the all nations shall attack them in replace to Israel. When he stands up on the mountain of Olive, it shall be divided in two parts. When is dark the light shines. In the titration day the light shall rise in the world. And at Jerusalem the living water shall be fountained. The abundant grace shall come on the church in the New Testament. Especially the Lord is the warrior who fights against the enemy for the church. The full armored of Ephesian chapter 6 means the complete weapon that is Christ. Because these things shall be accomplished in Christ Jesus. We can overcome anyplace and anytime in the complete victory of Our Lord. So Paul shouted that we are more than conquerors. Who can overcome against Goliath of 21centry? Only Jesus Christ can overcome him, Jehovah that is Jesus Christ. Whenever we fight against them, always we can overcome them in the name of Jesus. We can believe that fact always.

II. At that day God dominates the world as the king of kings.

Already we saw that the dominion of God consisted of faithfulness and peace at chapter 8 of Zechariah. Here we see the climax. He shall be the King in the universe world. (9-11) when he rules over them it shall become the nation without any condemnation. (11) No Canute lives there. The curse of God shall come on the them who attacked Judah. The almighty God rule over them with his unlimited power. So we can overcome the confused world with the spiritual power fully. Then we should enjoy the blessing that God provide to the obeying people. Really to the people, family and society who entertained Christ as his Lord.

III. that is the promise that keep the feast of tabernacle.

God promised that he shall establish the church and God Himself rules over them as the king and the day when they live as holy people shall come-on the world. Verses 16-21 all nations shall come to keep the feast of tabernacle. They shall keep the feast of tabernacle

holy in Christ. Verse 20 say that the term, towards Jehovah be holy” shall be written on the bells of the horse. Before the letter”towards the Lord be holy” shall be written on all lives of the church. The tradition of holiness shall be completed in Christ which is the true tabernacle. (Rom12:1-2)

Therefore we enjoy the streams of the living water in the Christ who is the feast of true tabernacle. And also we experience the power of the spiritual world. (Jn7:38-39) Really we see the more wonderful things in the Spirit because this precious day came at the day of the incarnation of Grist and will come in the day of the second coming of Jesus Christ. We should rejoice that the sticks of grace and union rules over us in Holy Spirit.

Conclusion of my Zechariah lecture

The visions of Zechariah reveal obviously the redemption of Christ in the New Testament. When we meditate these visions in our pastoral ministry, we can see the wonderful, abundant glory in Christ. This is the same vision that Isaiah had seen at the temple(Ish 6:). Then he bowed down, kneel down and repented his miserable sins to God. Therefore Zachariah’s findings that see the glory of the Lord and the poverty of the man should be the foundation, process and result of our pastoral ministry. Only the glory of God can overcome our contemporary many issues. (Jn1:14)

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