

There is A Fountain

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Oakbrook Community Church

Zechariah 13:1-9

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On that Day there shall be a Fountain... 1

- Israel – take as spiritual Israel
- Time – all events future to Zechariah

Zechariah's Prophecy: the Power of Christ's work: 12:10 & 13:1

- John 19:31-37 - detailed elaboration of piercing
- v34: Jews understood □ blood=cleansing sin; □ water=ceremonial purification from uncleanness
- 'Repentance must precede cleansing & cleansing from sin follows genuine repentance.' 2 Chr 7:14; 1 Jn 1:9
- 13:1 fountain of cleansing: Ps 36:9; Jer 2:13; 17:13; Ezk 36:25-26"
God always provides cleansing for His people!
- Twofold effect of God's cleansing:
 - to cleanse from sin (penalty of sin) & impurity (power of sin)
 - When God saves, he saves His people from the power and presence of sin – THAT is the power of Christ's piercing (water & blood)
 - Hebrew 9:10-12; 18-22 > Power of Christ's Atonement
 - There is A Fountain lose guilty stains; washed all sin away; flowing wounds supply; blood shall never lose its power; till all ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no more!
 - Apply: Hebrews 3:13-15 to daily life!

What Happens When One is Forgiven & Cleansed of Sin? 2-6

- 1st - idols cut off: even memory of idols not remembered 2
- 2nd - passion for God so great false prophets not tolerated 3
- 3rd - Desire to distance oneself from former ways 4-6

The Shepherd Struck for God's People 7-9

- God strikes the Great Shepherd (Associate) like Isa 53:4-5
- Jesus quotes that sheep will scatter Mt 26:31; Mk 14:27
- not false shepherds as we would expect, but Shepherd who can save!
- Following Christ's work great distress for national Israel but God protects His remnant, though they are refined
- Can you say, "The Lord is my God"? Zech 13:9; Acts 4:10-12

To Think About & Discuss:

- How deeply must a person feel conviction for sin before trusting in Christ? Can a person have genuine faith before there is genuine conviction of sin?
- John made much of the piercing bringing forth blood and water: John 19:31-37.

If blood symbolizes the cleansing of sin and water is the ceremonial purification from uncleanness, what does that teach you about forgiveness & holiness in the Christian life?

God provides forgiveness, cleansing & holiness, so what is our responsibility?

How does affliction enter into our understanding of God working in our lives Zech 13:7-9? In what ways does God refine His people?

- Read Isaiah 53. What do we learn about the death of Jesus on the Cross? How does Zechariah's prophecy differ? How is it similar?
- Read Romans 3:21-26 What do these verses tell us about the nature of Christ's work on the cross? Who provides the cleansing, the atonement, etc.?
- If someone asks you how the death of Christ on the cross actually cleanses from sin, how would you answer? What Bible texts would you use?
- Why was it necessary for the sword of God's justice to strike Jesus? How does this truth make you feel?