

ZECHARIAH PART III
KING, PRIEST AND PROPHET
MAY 30-31, 2020

INTRODUCTION

- A story about King Uzziah - 2 Chronicles 26:1-5,16-21
- In the Old Testament there were three distinct offices that led the people - prophet, priest and king.
- King Uzziah attempted to overlap them and it went bad.
- I Samuel 8:4-7 - God was their king, but they wanted a person to be king like other nations.
- God put a boundary around these offices because He knew the danger inherent in mixing civil law and spiritual life and the power that would encourage.

I. PROPHETS, KINGS AND PRIESTS

- Zechariah 6:12-13, “This is what the Lord of heaven’s armies says: here is the man called the Branch...He will receive royal honor and will rule as king from His throne. He will also serve as priest from His throne, and there will be perfect harmony between His two roles.”
- Jesus did what no other in the Old Testament could do, sit as prophet, priest and king.
- Prophets rebuked sin, proclaimed mercy to the crushed and interpreted events.
- Old Testament priests, functioned as representatives of the people, offering sacrifice for sins.
- Kings in the Old Testament functioned in the realm of exercising judicial power in the civil realm.

II. A JUDGE WHO SAVES THE GUILTY

- The king represented the rulership, the kingdom of God.
- The priest represented the people and reconciled them to their God.
- The king was judge - I Kings 3:16-28
- Jesus would sit in both offices – Zechariah 6:13
- Psalm 110:1-2, 4, “...priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”
- I Timothy 2:5, “For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus.”
- Hebrews 7:17-22 says the priesthood of the Messiah belonged to a “better covenant,” a new covenant.

III. A KING A PRIEST AND A HEALER

- Why does this matter?
- You can know you are free! He has set you free from judgment and condemnation.
- He as king and priest completely washed you from guilt and shame.
- The people of Jesus’ day referred to Him as a prophet many times - Matthew 21:11
- Jesus healed as a prophet - Matthew 8:14-17

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- Jesus as king, as priest and as prophet: He judges you, pays the way to set you free and then He heals you!
- Hebrews 4:14-16, “...For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses...Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”