

ZECHARIAH PART IV
CHAPTER 3/6
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INTRODUCTION

- In times like these we can all use a little hope.
- Zechariah lived in difficult and uncertain times.
- God used Zechariah to speak hope into dark times.
- What would give you hope today?
- Last week we talked about God's unending flow of life from His Spirit. There is no mountain He can't level.

I. WHAT CAN GOD MAKE OUT OF OUR MESS?

- God takes people's ship wrecks and rebuilds them into life-giving people.
- 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.'"
- A man called "Branch" 6x that term is used in the Old Testament.
- Isaiah 11:1-4, "A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. ²The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him..."
- Once King David's family members were the most powerful people in the land.
- But by the time Joseph and Mary go Bethlehem for Jesus' birth David's family had fallen on hard times.
- But the word to Isaiah was that out of the stump would come a shoot, a Branch that would bear fruit.

II. FEELING SMALL AND INSIGNIFICANT?

- God can raise up a branch. He raised up His Son, a Branch.

- Most of these verses use the word literally – tzemach (some-itch) a sprout or to spring up
- A life that begins so small it is inconspicuous, then it begins to grow and spread across the whole earth.
- Isaiah used another Hebrew word for branch – netzer or netzeret
- Nazareth was literally the place of the Branch, Jesus.
- It was and is obscure and a very unlikely place for the king of the universe to grow up.
- This is the way of the Father.
- In order for us to sprout we must die, as He did.
- Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me..."
- Jesus' seed went into the ground and then sprouted into a gigantic tree that covers the earth today.

III. LET HIS SON RISE OVER YOU

- Zechariah 6:12, "This is what the Lord of heaven's armies says: 'Here is the man called the Branch. He will branch out from where He is...'"
- The word here is – tzemach (some-itch) means to move up or sprout up or rise up!
- Luke 1:76-80, "...the sunrise from on high will visit us..."
- The word sunrise is Anatole - the branch!

Close

- Jesus is the sunrise. He shines in our darkness and brings hope.