

SALVATION ALWAYS BRINGS A CHANGED LIFE

Zechariah

Abstain from every form of evil (or, the appearance of evil).
1 Thessalonians 5:22

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER 12 AND 13

National repentance and salvation - chapter 12

The cleansing of sin - chapter 13

Repentance and justification - chapter 12

Sanctification - chapter 13

"In that day" - 9 times in two chapters

"In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo."

Zechariah 12:11

"And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication..."

Zechariah 12:10a

"In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness."

Zechariah 13:1

Primary Point

Repentance must precede cleansing and cleansing from sin always follows genuine repentance.

See 2 Chronicles 7:14 and 1 John 1:9.

FORGIVENESS AND CLEANSING

The Fountain of God

"In that day (what) a fountain (or, spring, flow) shall be opened for (who) the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for (what) sin (or, transgression) and for uncleanness (or, impurity)."

Zechariah 13:1

Same Event from Ezekiel

God will gather Israel from all the nations into their own land:

"For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.

God will cleanse them from their evil ways:

Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

God will bring them to salvation and give them the Holy Spirit:

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

They will serve the Lord in the land He gave them.

Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God." Ezekiel 36:24-28

Question

Where does the cleansing from sin's power and defilement come from?

Answer

It comes from a fountain.

Question

And what is this fountain?

Answer

It is the sin cleansing blood of the Messiah whom they have pierced.

From John, at the cross

Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe.

For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken." (See Ex. 12:46, Num. 9:12, Ps. 34:20)

And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced." (Zech. 12:10)

John 19:31-37

There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there have I, as vile as he,
Washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved, to sin no more.

SALVATION BRINGS SANCTIFICATION... ALWAYS

One, Evil is to be removed, and not remembered any longer

"It shall be in that day," says the LORD of hosts, "that I will (1) cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they shall (2) no longer be remembered. I will also cause the (3) prophets and the unclean spirit to depart from the land." Zechariah 13:2

Two, the people will not tolerate false teachers or prophets

"It shall come to pass that if anyone still prophesies, then his father and mother who begot him will say to him, 'You shall not live, (why) because you have spoken lies in the name of the Lord.' And (who) his father and mother who begot him shall (what) thrust him through when he prophesies." Zechariah 13:3

"If your brother, the son of your mother, your son or your daughter, the wife of your bosom, or your friend who is as your own soul, secretly entices you, saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods,' which you have not known, neither you nor your fathers, of the gods of the people which are all around you, near to you or far off from you, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth, you (1) shall not consent to him or (2) listen to him, nor (3) shall your eye pity him, nor (4) shall you spare him or (5)

conceal him; but (what) you shall surely kill him; your hand shall be (what) first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. And you shall stone him with stones until he dies, because he sought to entice you away from the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage."

Deuteronomy 13:6-10

Three, sinners will be ashamed of their sins:

"And it shall be in that day that every prophet will be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies; they will not wear a robe of coarse hair to deceive. But he will say, 'I am no prophet, I am a farmer; for a man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.'"

Zechariah 13:4-5

JESUS: SMITTEN BY GOD AND WOUNDED BY FRIENDS

Jesus' greatest pain was inflicted by His friends

"And one will say to him, 'What are these wounds (where) between your arms (or, hands)?' Then he will answer, 'Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.'"

Zechariah 13:6

"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you." John 15:13-15

Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:27-29

Jesus was smitten by God for us

"Awake, O sword, against (who) My Shepherd, against (who) the Man who is My (what) Companion (or, one who is united in law, in privileges, in interest, to bind together, to have all things in common, to be equal)," says the LORD of hosts. "Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered; then I will turn My hand against the little ones."

Zechariah 13:7

Strike - crucifixion of Jesus
Scattered - the Diaspora
Hand against them - chastisement during the Diaspora

And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:3-5

Interval of time until the Great Tribulation

The results of the second holocaust

"For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened." Matthew 24:21-22

"And it shall come to pass in all the land," says the Lord, "That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, but one-third shall be left in it: I will

- (1) bring the one-third through the fire,
- (2) will refine them as silver is refined, and
- (3) test them as gold is tested.

They will call on My name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; and each one will say, 'The Lord is my God.' "
Zechariah 13:8-9