

The Problem Of Hypocrisy

pleasant land was made desolate." (ESV)

Zechariah 7

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Bobby Blakey ~ August 19 & 20, 2023 ~ The Book Of Zechariah #8		1 In the fourth year of King Darius, the word of the Lord came to Zechariah on the fourth day of the ninth month, which is Chislev. 2 Now the people of Bethel had sent Sharezer and Regem-melech and their men to entreat the favor of the Lord, 3 saying to the priests of the house of the Lord of hosts and the prophets, "Should I weep and abstain in the fifth month, as I have done for so many years?"
#1	(v1-7)	4 Then the word of the Lord of hosts came to me: 5 "Say to all the people of the land and the priests," When you fasted and mourned in the fifth month and in the seventh, for these seventy years, was it for me that you fasted? 6 And when you eat and when you drink, do you not eat for yourselves and drink for yourselves? 7 Were not these the words that the Lord proclaimed by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and prosperous, with her cities around her, and the South
#2.	(v8-10)	and the lowland were inhabited?"
		8 And the word of the Lord came to Zechariah, saying, 9 "Thus says the Lord of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, 10 do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart." 11 But they refused to pay attention and turned a stubborn shoulder and stopped their ears that they might not hear. 12 They made their hearts diamond-hard lest they should hear the law and the words that
#3	(v11-14)	the Lord of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the former prophets.
		Therefore great anger came from the Lord of hosts.
		13 "As I called, and they would not hear, so they called, and I would not hear," says the Lord of hosts, 14 "and I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations that they had not known. Thus the land they left was desolate, so that no one went to and fro, and the

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

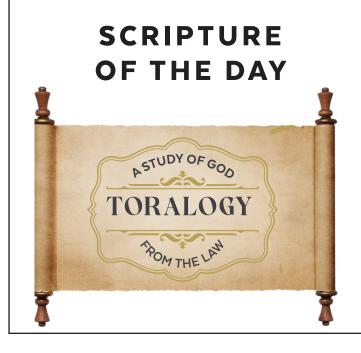
#1. What stood out to you from **Zechariah 7**?

- #2. **Read Matthew 6:1-18.** Is there a way you are appearing religious to other people but God is seeing you differently? What does God look for when he sees you in secret?
- #3. Read Isaiah 58:1-12. What does God tell them is the kind of fast he is looking for?
- #4. What will you say to someone outside the church when they bring up the problem of hypocrisy?
- #5. What would you say to someone inside the church if they confess to hypocrisy in their life?
- #6. Are you open to hearing the Word of the Lord or do you feel your heart is getting hardened to it?
- #7. What can your fellowship group do this fall to encourage one another to hear the Word of the Lord?

Recommended Reading:

Haggai Zechariah Malachi ~ An Exegetical Commentary ~ By Eugene H. Merrill (In The Book Nook after the service while supplies last)

Revival Prayer Meeting On Monday Night at 7:00 PM Come and pray from what we learn about God in Genesis 6!



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