

The Day of Days

ZECHARIAH 13

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1. Turn to the Lord who _____
(v. 1)

¹“On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.

²“And on that day, declares the LORD of hosts, I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, so that they shall be remembered no more. And also I will remove from the land the prophets and the spirit of uncleanness. ³And if anyone again prophesies, his father and mother who bore him will say to him, ‘You shall not live, for you speak lies in the name of the LORD.’ And his father and mother who bore him shall pierce him through when he prophesies.

2. Turn to the Lord who _____
(v. 2-6)

⁴“On that day every prophet will be ashamed of his vision when he prophesies. He will not put on a hairy cloak in order to deceive, ⁵but he will say, ‘I am no prophet, I am a worker of the soil, for a man sold me in my youth.’ ⁶And if one asks him, ‘What are these wounds on your back?’ he will say, ‘The wounds I received in the house of my friends.’

⁷“Awake, O sword, against my shepherd,
against the man who stands next to me,”
declares the LORD of hosts.

“Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered;
I will turn my hand against the little ones.

⁸In the whole land, declares the LORD,
two thirds shall be cut off and perish,
and one third shall be left alive.

⁹And I will put this third into the fire,
and refine them as one refines silver,
and test them as gold is tested.

They will call upon my name,
and I will answer them.

I will say, ‘They are my people’;
and they will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’”

3. Turn to the Lord who _____
(v. 7-9)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

These questions are for further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help your fight for life change. One of the best ways to grow in the body is by discussing the answers to these questions in a small group. Find one here:

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1. Zechariah speaks of a fountain opened to provide purification from sin and uncleanness. In what areas of your life have you most felt the need for this cleansing?
2. Zechariah warns of idols, false prophets, and demonic influence. What roles do community, Bible study, pastors/elders, the Holy Spirit, and prayer play in battling these enemies of our souls?
3. Can you recall a time when you felt the weight of a "refining fire"? How did the gospel bring hope and perspective during that time? How can you support others currently undergoing similar trials?
4. In what ways does the coming day of the LORD give us hope during these present days of man?
5. How does knowing Jesus as the Good Shepherd who was struck for you equip and challenge you to care for those God has placed in your life?

Quote for the Week. . .

by MICHAEL R. STEAD

"In Zechariah 12–13, we see a picture of a Messiah full of complexities and paradoxes. He is God's chosen shepherd, whom God strikes down. He dies because of the opposition of God's enemies and in fulfillment of God's plan. God's people cause his piercing and yet mourn and repent because of it. His death results in both cleansing through washing and refining through trial. It is little wonder that the New Testament looks to these chapters in particular to explain the deep wonders of the cross."