

Christ Fellowship

Series: Minor Prophets

Lesson 25

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“Zechariah”

Coming To The Heart Of Worship, Not Hollow Superficiality!

- I. Introduction, Zech 1.1-6
- II. Restoration and Glory Revealed Through Eight Visions, Zech 1.7—6.15
- III. Oracle: The Hollowness of Hypocrisy, Zech 7.1—8.23
 - A. The Setting and The Question, Zech 7.1-3
 1. Introduction and Question, Zech 7:1-3
 - B. Hypocrisy Has A Heart Of Rebellion, Zech 7:4-14
 1. Criticism of False Worship in Hypocrisy seen in Fasting, Zech 7:4-7

“In the early ages men subsisted largely upon the spontaneous productions of the earth and the spoils of the chase; owing to the uncertainty of obtaining food, fasting was often compulsory. Superstitious ignorance could easily interpret this compulsion into an expression of divine will, and so consider fasting as a religious duty. It was believed that the gods were jealous of the pleasures of men and that abstinence would propitiate their favor. As a result we find that fasting as a religious duty is almost universal.” {It is worth noting that “fasting” does not occur in the Lord’s Covenantal Word of the Pentateuch.}

Merrill Frederick Unger, R. K. Harrison, Howard Frederic Vos et al., The New Unger’s Bible Dictionary, Rev. and updated ed., Chicago: Moody Press, 1988.
 2. Correction of True Worship Seen In Godly Living, Zech 7:8-14
 - a. Basis for Genuine Godly Living, Practical Obedience to YHWH’s Word, Zech 7:8-10
 - b. Basis of Genuine Hypocritical Living, Rebellion Against YHWH’s Word, Zech 7:11-12a
 - c. Outcome of Hypocritical Living, Judgment Because of Rebellion, Zech 7:12b-14
 - C. A Heart Of True Worship Strongly Hopes In YHWH, Zech 8:1-23
 1. YHWH Restores Jerusalem, Zech 8:1-8
 2. Stand Strong In His Word, Zech 8:9-13

“God knows full well how to touch our temporalities in order to turn our gazes and hearts to worthwhile spiritualities.”

Charles Lee Feinberg, Bibliotheca Sacra Volume 99, 396 (Dallas, TX: Dallas Theological Seminary, 1942), 435.
 3. Stand Strong In His Promised Blessing, Zech 8:14-17
 4. Worship In Joy For YHWH Is With You, Zech 8:18-23

“This is God’s way still. He chastens sorely. If we profane his name and pollute his temple; if we strike hands in ungodly alliances, and go after strange gods; if we dye our hands in the vats of the world’s vanity—we are sent, as Israel was, into captivity, and our seventy years are fulfilled. But when we have profited by his stern discipline, and returned to Him with all our heart and soul, we are restored to our former position; God’s hand wipes the tears from our eyes, and He bids us turn from our bitter repinings over an irretrievable past, to accept the unalloyed mercy which remembers our sins no more ... He set himself to assure his people, in effect, that in the future, when they could view his dealings in their true perspective, they would discover that their darkest days had been the source and origin of their gladdest ones.”

Quoted by R.K. Harrison, Bibliotheca Sacra Volume 99, 396 (Dallas, TX: Dallas Theological Seminary, 1942), 438-39.