

Zechariah 13

Chapter 12 had a gloomy end to it, but chapter 13 begins with such great news

Zechariah 13.1-6

V1 – What a great Old Testament verse! Songs: “There is a Fountain filled with Blood” and “There’s a Fountain Free”

-The message: We can reach salvation from our sins

Comments of John Bunyan on this great subject:

"But I struck him on his head with the rod: Is there any hope for me?" Everyone of you, saith the apostle.

"But I spat in his face: Is there forgiveness for me?" Yes, is the reply, for everyone of you.

"But I drove the spikes into his hands and feet, which transfixd him on the cross. Is there cleansing for me?" Yes, cries Peter, for every one of you

"But I pierced his side, though he had never done me wrong; it was a ruthless, cruel act, and I am sorry for it now. May that sin be washed away?" Every one of you, is the constant answer

V2 – **What would no longer be remembered in those days?** The names of the idols

-Also? False prophets would be removed

V3 – **What would parents even do?** Turn against their children if they were false teachers

V4 – False prophets would be exposed – they would no longer be able to put on a prophet's robe to deceive people

V5 – **What would a false prophet do instead?** Admit he was trying to deceive the people

V6 – The false prophets sometimes cut themselves to show their devotion to their idols

- Read 1 Kings 18.28

Zechariah 13.7-9

V7 – God speaking – He calls for a sword to his “Associate” (Jesus Christ)

-**What would the death of Christ do?** Cause His followers to be scattered

-Read Matthew 26.32

V8 – **About how many of the Jews would become believers in Jesus?** About one third

V9 – A beautiful passage

-**Christ's attitude toward His followers?** He would bring them through the fire of the destruction of Jerusalem

-This seems to be a reference to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.