

Outline for July 4, 2010 Zechariah's Visions

Introduction: Introduction: J.I. Packer defines revival in these terms. "A work of God by His Spirit through the Word bringing the spiritually dead to living faith in Christ and renewing the inner life of the church (Christians) who have grown slack and sleepy. In revival God makes old things new giving new power to law and gospel and new spiritual awareness to those whose hearts and consciences had been blind, hard and cold."

I. A Vision of Divine Intercession (1:8-17)

Principle: Revival flows from the sovereign, merciful decision of God

II. The Vision of God Overthrowing Secular Powers (1:18-21)

Principle: Revival is the overcoming of worldliness

III. The Vision of God Transforming Jerusalem – the Restoration of His People, the Church (2:1-13)

Principle: Revival is the experience of God's enriching presence

A. A population increase – the church growing and expanding (2:1-4, 11)

1. "measuring"
2. "the multitude" – a great host of people
 - a. People and livestock – the great number of elect gathered into the church
 - b. "without walls" – the openness of the gospel
3. "Run..." – the urgency of declaring this grand and glorious truth
4. "And I will be..."
 - a. "a wall of fire" – the consuming, burning, purging, holy presence of God
 - b. "I will be the glory..." (Exodus 33:18-19; II Chronicles 7:1; Haggai 2:3, 9, 14)

B. The prosperity of holiness – five imperatives of holiness

1. "Up! Up! Flee..."

Principle: The Lord is responsible for judgment and calamity in the earth, especially judgment in the church – He owns it as His own work

2. "Up! Escape to Zion" – Zion up

Principle: The Lord is responsible for sending His Word through the prophets to affirm His love and jealousy for the church (Zechariah 1:14-17)

- a. To run away from sin – to put to death
- b. The daughter of Zion contrasted with living with the daughter of Babylon
 - "For thus said...after His glory..."
 - "for he who touches you..."
 - "Behold, I will shake my..." – God defending His church through the ages
 - Pharaoh (Exodus 12:29)
 - Haman (Esther 7)
 - Ahithophel (II Samuel 17:23)
 - Naboth (I Kings 21:19)
 - Charles IX of France
 - Stephen Gardiner
 - Maximinus