

God's Move in Man's History for the Carrying Out of His Eternal Economy**Monday 4/3****Related Verses****Eph. 1:4-5, 9-10**

4 Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to be holy and without blemish before Him in love,

5 Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

9 Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself,

10 Unto the economy of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in Him;

Rev. 11:15

15 And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.

Isa. 2:4

4 And He will judge between the nations, And will decide matters for many peoples. And they will beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning knives; Nation will not lift up sword against nation, Nor will they learn war anymore.

Isa. 11:4

4 But He will judge the poor in righteousness, And decide with equity for the afflicted of the land. And He will strike the land with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.

1 Cor. 10:11

11 Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our admonition, unto whom the ends of the ages have come.

Related Reading

The central thought of 1 and 2 Chronicles is,...first, to give us a full chronology of God's move in man's history by including the genealogy from Adam to Samuel, indicating that God's move in man's history to prepare the way for God to carry out His eternal economy in humanity by becoming a man that man may become God is not a matter that concerns only the history of God's

elect but a matter that concerns the history of the entire race of mankind. The central point of view in 1 and 2 Samuel and 1 and 2 Kings is the chosen people of God, but in 1 and 2 Chronicles it is the entire race of mankind. This needs a lineage not from Samuel but from Adam to Christ, which corresponds to the genealogy of Christ as recorded in Luke 3, not as presented in Matthew 1. The view in Matthew 1 is narrow and is limited to Israel. The view in Luke 3 is broad and includes all of mankind. This is a strong evidence that the coming Christ as the embodiment of God is not only for the one race chosen by God but for the entire human race created by God. (*Life-study of 1 & 2 Chronicles*, pp. 3-4)

We need to see that God's move is in man's history...We need to believe that God has been moving and is still moving in and through man's history.

I can testify from my observation of the world situation since 1918 and from my study of the prophecies in the Bible that God surely moves in man's history. Let us consider...the dispute over Palestine...Who is the landlord, the rightful owner, of the good land—Israel or the Arabs?...God is the landlord of Palestine, and only He can solve the problem concerning this land. I believe that while the statesmen are negotiating over the ownership of the good land, the Lord is in the heavens laughing (Psa. 2:4)...Soon the Lord Jesus may come back and settle this matter. When He comes, He may say to the statesmen of the world, "This is not your business—it is My business."

The chronology in 1 and 2 Chronicles indicates that God's move in man's history is to prepare the way for God to carry out His eternal economy in humanity by becoming a man that man may become God. If this cannot be accomplished, there is no way to solve the problems of today's world situation. All the problems on this earth are waiting for one thing—for a good number of men to become God-men. This matter concerns not only the history of God's elect, Israel, but also the history of the entire race of mankind...Ephesians 1:4 tells us we all were chosen by God before the foundation of the world. We praise the Lord for choosing us in Christ before the foundation of the world. (*Life-study of 1 & 2 Chronicles*, pp. 4-6)

This world has many fundamental problems that man cannot solve. They can only be resolved when the Lord comes again. The first thing that will be resolved when He comes again will be justice...Isaiah 11:4 says that in the future, the world will be filled with justice and righteousness.

Second, when the Lord comes again, all the wars in this world will be over...Isaiah 2:4 says that when the Lord comes back again, all the swords will be beaten into plowshares, and all the spears will be turned into pruning knives.

Revelation 11:15 says that one day all the nations of the earth will become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ. Then no government will oppress its people. Then the earth will be filled with righteousness and justice. Without the second coming of the Lord, salvation will not be complete. (*CWWN*, vol. 60, pp. 444-445, 448)

Further Reading: *Life-study of 1 & 2 Chronicles*, msgs. 1, 7-8; *CWWN*, vol. 60, ch. 50; *CWWL*, 1932-1949, vol. 2, p. 27

Tuesday 4/4**Related Verses****Zech. 9:9**

9 Exult greatly, O daughter of Zion; Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Now your King comes to you. He is righteous and bears salvation, Lowly and riding upon a donkey, Even upon a colt, the foal of a donkey,

Zech. 13:1

1 In that day there will be an opened fountain for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for impurity.

Matt. 9:36

36 And seeing the crowds, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were harassed and cast away like sheep not having a shepherd.

John 10:11

11 I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

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34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water.
37 And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."

Zech. 13:6-7

6 And someone will say to Him, What are these wounds between Your arms? And He will say, Those with which I was wounded in the house of those who love Me.
7 Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, And against the man who is My Fellow, Declares Jehovah of hosts. Strike the Shepherd, That the sheep may be scattered; And I will turn My hand upon the little ones.

Related Reading

The Christ unveiled in the book of Zechariah is a Christ who is intimately involved with human history. The first six chapters reveal that He is involved with the Persian Empire, and the last six chapters reveal that He is involved with the Grecian Empire and the Roman Empire...The center of the prophecies in chapters 9 through 11 is Christ as the rejected Messiah. In chapters 12 through 14, Christ is unveiled as the Messiah returning to be enthroned as the King not only over Israel but over the whole world. His first coming...was humble and intimate [cf. Zech. 9—11]; His coming back...will be with power and authority [cf. Zech. 12—14].

Zechariah 9:9...reveals that Christ would come in a righteous way with salvation for us and that He would ride upon a donkey, even a foal of a donkey. This verse was fulfilled in the four Gospels when Jesus Christ came into Jerusalem the last time. He came as a King, but as a lowly King, a humiliated King, riding not on a majestic horse but on a colt. (*Life-study of Zechariah*, pp. 67, 53)

Zechariah 11:12 and 13 reveal that the Messiah, as the proper Shepherd of Israel, was detested, attacked, rejected, and sold for thirty pieces of silver, the price of a slave (Exo. 21:32). What is prophesied here was fulfilled in the Gospels. The Lord Jesus was sold under the reign of the Roman Empire, and He was judged by the Roman rulers.

Zechariah 11:12...says, "I said to them, If it is good in your sight, give me my wages...So they weighed out my wages, thirty pieces of silver..." This clearly indicates that Christ was detested, attacked, rejected, and sold. In order to understand...verses [12 and 13] and know who provided the silver and who threw it into the house of Jehovah, we need to study the four Gospels.

Christ, the Fellow of Jehovah, came as the God-sent Shepherd to the children of Israel but was attacked unto death by them (13:7a; Matt. 9:36; John 10:11; Matt. 26:31; Acts 2:23). Zechariah 13:7a says, "Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, / And against the man who is My Fellow, / Declares Jehovah of hosts. / Strike the Shepherd, / That the sheep may be scattered." Christ was both a relative to the children of Israel and a Fellow of Jehovah. As He was hanging on the cross, His relatives wounded Him, and God called in the sword to strike Him. He was in a situation where His relatives were against Him and where God, to whom He is a Fellow, was also against Him.

The word in verse 7a about striking the Shepherd is quoted by the Lord Jesus in Matthew 26:31. To strike the Shepherd means to attack the Shepherd. Immediately after He established the table, He told His disciples that He would be attacked and that they, the sheep, would be scattered.

Zechariah 13:6 [says], "Someone will say to Him, What are these wounds between Your arms? And He will say, Those with which I was wounded in the house of those who love Me."...The children of Israel killed Him, but He counted their action as wounds from those who loved Him. This is very sweet.

God has provided the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem with an opened fountain (Christ's pierced side—John 19:34, 37) for sin and for impurity. "In that day there will be an opened fountain for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for impurity" (Zech. 13:1). The piercing of Christ has opened such a fountain. This is a matter of redemption. (*Life-study of Zechariah*, pp. 63, 80, 79-80, 79)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Zechariah*, msgs. 1, 3, 5, 11-12

Wednesday 4/5

Related Verses**Zech. 14:3-4, 9**

3 Then Jehovah will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights in a day of battle.
4 And His feet will stand in that day on the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split at its middle toward the east and toward the west into a very great valley, so that half of the mountain will remove to the north and half of it to the south.
9 And Jehovah will be King over all the earth; and in that day Jehovah will be the one God and His name the one name.

Matt 24:30

30 And at that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the land will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Acts 1:11

11 Who also said, Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you beheld Him going into heaven.

Rom. 11:26

26 And thus all Israel will be saved, as it is written, "The Deliverer will come out of Zion; He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob.

Rev. 11:15

15 And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.

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At the end of this age, Christ will come to stand on the Mount of Olives and will fight with the nations that besiege Jerusalem (Zech. 14:3-4). Then Christ as Jehovah will be King over all the earth in the millennium (v. 9).

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The Christ unveiled in Zechariah, the pierced One with whom there is the open fountain, is the centrality and universality of God's economy. As such a One, He is intimately involved with human history, in particular with the Persian Empire, the Grecian Empire, and the Roman Empire. The Roman Empire especially has been helpful to Christ. Christ was born under the Roman Empire...He grew up, carried out His ministry, was crucified, resurrected, and ascended under the Roman Empire. Christ's death for the accomplishment of God's eternal redemption was consummated under the Roman Empire. The formation of the church and the preaching of the gospel also took place under the Roman Empire. Surely, the Roman Empire, whose influence in law and culture continues today, has been used by God to fulfill His intention to make Christ the centrality and universality of His economy. (*Life-study of Zechariah*, p. 87)

During the great tribulation Israel will be trampled underfoot by Antichrist and his army (Rev. 11:2). Furthermore, the principal calamities of the great tribulation will occur in that land (Matt. 24:16-22). At the end, Antichrist will kill many of the Jews and will besiege them on the Mount of Olives. However, at the very moment of peril, Christ will come on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory, and all Israel will look upon the One whom they have pierced, and they will wail over Him and repent (v. 30; Zech. 12:10). Then Christ will descend onto the Mount of Olives to save Israel (14:4-5). After Christ judges the nations, He will send His angels with a loud trumpet, and they will gather together from the four winds all the children of Israel to the good land, which He promised to Abraham. That will be the time of the restoration of the nation of Israel (Matt. 24:31), and it will usher in the restoration of all things (Acts 3:21). At that point, the kingdom age will begin. (*CWWL*, 1990, vol. 3, "The Up-to-date Presentation of the God-ordained Way and the Signs concerning the Coming of Christ," pp. 586-587)

In Zechariah 12 through 14, we see Christ in His second coming. In His coming back, He will be the King not only over Israel but also over all the peoples on earth [cf. 14:9]...He will reign over the entire earth, and all the

peoples of the earth will go up to Jerusalem from year to year to worship the King, Jehovah of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles (v. 16).

People will dwell in Jerusalem, and there will be no more curse, for Jerusalem will dwell securely (v. 11). Instead of curse, there will be blessing with security...Everyone left from all the nations that went forth against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, Jehovah of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles (v. 16). Whoever does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, Jehovah of hosts, upon them there will be no rain, but there will be the plague with which Jehovah strikes the nations. This will be their sin (vv. 17-19)...[In] the age of grace, God sends rain on the just and the unjust alike (Matt. 5:45). But [in] the coming age...of righteousness, those who do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles will not receive rain. This is righteous. (*Life-study of Zechariah*, pp. 95, 84)

Further Reading: *CWWL*, 1990, vol. 3, "The Up-to-date Presentation of the God-ordained Way and the Signs concerning the Coming of Christ," ch. 7

Thursday 4/6

Related Verses**Zech. 1:8, 20-21**

8 I saw during the night, and behold, a man was riding upon a red horse; and He was standing among the myrtle trees that were in the bottoms; and behind Him there were red, reddish-brown, and white horses.

20 Then Jehovah showed me four craftsmen.

21 And I said, What do these come to do? And he spoke, saying, These are the horns that have so scattered Judah that no man lifts up his head, but these have come to terrify them, to cast down the horns of the nations who have lifted up the horn against the land of Judah to scatter it.

Dan. 2:31-35

31 You, O king, were watching, and there was a single great image. This image, large and its brightness surpassing, stood opposite you; and its appearance was frightful.

32 Concerning this image, its head was of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its abdomen and its thighs of bronze,

33 Its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

34 You were watching until a stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the image at its feet of iron and clay and crushed them.

35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed all at once, and they became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

Related Reading

This man [in Zechariah 1:8a] is Christ in His humanity...The man here is the Angel of Jehovah (v. 11a). The Angel of Jehovah is Jehovah Himself as the Triune God (Exo. 3:2a, 4-6, 13-15). The Angel of Jehovah is also Christ as the embodiment of the Triune God (Col. 2:9) and as the sent One of God (John 5:36-38; 6:38-39). The Angel of Jehovah is also the Angel of God who escorted and protected Israel on their way from Egypt to the promised land (Exo. 23:20; 32:34; Judg. 6:19-24; Isa. 63:9). (*Life-study of Zechariah*, p. 7)

The man in this vision is riding on a red horse (Zech. 1:8a)...Here the red horse signifies Christ's swift move in His redemption by the shedding of His blood.

These myrtle trees [in verse 8b] signify the humiliated people of Israel in their captivity...Captured Israel was in the lowest part of the valley, and Christ was ready to do anything for them swiftly. Christ, the One on the red horse, was their patron taking care of them in their captivity.

"Behind Him there were red, reddish-brown, and white horses" (v. 8c)...This indicates that Christ's redemption (the red horse) leads the repentant Israel (the reddish-brown horses) to be justified and accepted by God swiftly (the white horses)...The word *reddish* indicates redemption, and the word *brown* indicates a mixture. Eventually, as signified by the white horses, when the redeemed people of God come to God and are dealt with, they will be justified.

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In verses 18 through 21 we have the vision of the four horns and the four craftsmen.

“Then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and there were four horns. And I said to the angel who spoke with me, What are these? And he said to me, These are the horns that have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem” (vv. 18-19). These four horns are the four kingdoms with their kings—Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and the Roman Empire—signified by the great human image in Daniel 2 and by the four beasts in Daniel 7:3-8, which damaged and destroyed the chosen people of God.

These four craftsmen [in Zechariah 1:20 and 21] are the skills, including the stone not hewn by man's hands, used by God to destroy the four kingdoms, with their kings, that destroyed the nation of Israel. Christ is the One among the craftsmen who will come as the stone cut out without hands to smash the great image.

Each of the first three kingdoms—Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece—was taken over in a skillful way by the kingdom which followed it. Babylon was defeated in one night when Darius the Mede came and defeated Belshazzar. How skillful was Darius! Then, as Daniel 8 reveals, the goat from Macedonia (the Grecian Empire under Alexander the Great) came to trample the ram of Persia. History tells us that Alexander the Great was very skillful. He was one of the craftsmen that dealt with the four horns. Later the Roman Empire came in to deal with Greece. These four empires are the central factors of human history. Eventually, the restored Roman Empire will be smashed into powder by Christ as the top Craftsman.

All four empires devastated and destroyed Israel. But they all have been or, in the case of the restored Roman Empire, will be destroyed by the four craftsmen raised up by God. This is a comforting and encouraging word of promise. (*Life-study of Zechariah*, pp. 7-8, 10-12)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Zechariah*, msg. 2; *Life-study of Joel*, msgs. 1-7

Related Verses**Rev. 19:7-8, 14**

7 Let us rejoice and exult, and let us give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.

8 And it was given to her that she should be clothed in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteousnesses of the saints.

14 And the armies which are in heaven followed Him on white horses, dressed in fine linen, white and clean.

Eph. 5:26

26 That He might sanctify her, cleansing her by the washing of the water in the word,

Eph. 6:17-18

17 And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God,

18 By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,

Rev. 22:17

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come! And let him who hears say, Come! And let him who is thirsty come; let him who wills take the water of life freely.

Related Reading

According to Revelation 19, the church is both the bride who is presented to Christ and the warrior who fights with Him against God's enemy. At His coming again, the Lord Jesus first will meet His bride. After receiving the bride, Christ and the overcomers will enter into battle against the enemy...The Lord will ride on a white horse [v. 11], and the armies which are in heaven will follow Him on white horses, dressed in fine linen, white and clean (v. 14). Revelation 17:14 also refers to this: “These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and they who are with Him, the called and chosen and faithful.”

In Revelation 19:7 and 8 we see that the bride is clothed in “fine linen, bright and clean.” Then in verse 14 we see that the armies which follow the Lord into battle

are “dressed in fine linen, white and clean.” (*Life-study of Ephesians*, p. 814)

As the church, we are not only the Body, the dwelling place of God, the kingdom of God, the family of God, and the new man; we are also the bride and the warrior. As the bride, we must be beautiful, without spot or wrinkle, and be clothed in fine linen. As the warrior, we must be equipped to fight against God's enemy [cf. Eph. 5—6; Rev. 19].

Because the self is the greatest enemy, we need to experience the killing power of God's word. As we pray-read, we are nourished on the one hand, but certain elements are killed on the other hand. Perhaps you are troubled by doubts, hatred, jealousy, pride, or selfishness. Do you realize that these things can be killed through pray-reading the word? The more we take in the word with its killing power, the more our pride and all the negative elements within us are put to death. By pray-reading, the inward adversary is slain. After a time of pray-reading the word, we may discover that the adversary who was attacking us has disappeared. In a very practical sense, he has been slain by the word we have taken into us.

In Ephesians 5 the word is for nourishment that leads to the beautifying of the bride. But in Ephesians 6 the word is for killing that enables the church as the corporate warrior to engage in spiritual warfare. (*Life-study of Ephesians*, pp. 815, 820-821)

On the day of His wedding, Christ will marry the one who has been fighting the battle against God's enemy for years. This means that in Revelation 19 Christ will marry the overcomers, who have already overcome the evil one...When Christ comes to fight against Antichrist and his army,...as the Son of Man, He will need a counterpart to match Him and complete Him. This counterpart will be His bride. In His coming to crush human government, Christ will be the Husband with the overcomers as His bride. This means that before He descends to earth to deal with the ten toes and then with the entire image, He will have a wedding (Rev. 19:7-9). After His wedding, He will come with His newly married bride to destroy

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Antichrist, who with his army will fight against God directly.

After Christ has married His bride, He will come as the stone cut out without hands and will crush the great human image from the toes to the head, destroying the human government which fights against God directly. Through this crushing, the whole earth will be cleared up. The problem of the human government in the old creation will be solved. Then Christ will increase from a stone to a great mountain that fills the whole earth (Dan. 2:35). (*Life-study of Daniel*, pp. 80, 82)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Ephesians*, msgs. 95, 97; *Life-study of Daniel*, msgs. 12-13

Saturday 4/8

Related Verses**Zech. 12:1**

1 The burden of the word of Jehovah concerning Israel. Thus declares Jehovah, who stretches forth the heavens and lays the foundations of the earth and forms the spirit of man within him,

Zech. 10:8

8 I will whistle for them and gather them, for I have redeemed them; And they will multiply as they have multiplied.

Gen. 2:7

7 Jehovah God formed man with the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.

John 4:24

24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness.

Phil. 4:23

23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

1 Cor. 2:14-15

14 But a soulish man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him and he is not able to know them because they are discerned spiritually.

15 But the spiritual man discerns all things, but he himself is discerned by no one.

Related Reading

The heavens are for the earth, the earth is for man, and man was created by God with a spirit that he may contact God, receive God, live God, fulfill God's purpose for God, and be one with God. It is marvelous that such a verse as Zechariah 12:1 is in an Old Testament book which unveils a Christ who is so involved with human history and politics. This indicates that in His economy God planned to have Christ as the centrality and universality of His move on earth. As the very God, He has ruled over the entire human race, managing the world situation age after age for thousands of years. For His chosen people, who would care for Him as the Creator and as the Redeemer, there was the need for Him to create a receiver so that they would have the capacity to receive all that God had planned for Christ to be. Christ is wonderful, but if we did not have a spirit, how could we receive Him?...If we neglect our human spirit, there is no way for us to contact God. (*Life-study of Zechariah*, pp. 67-68)

The prophecy in Zechariah 10 concerns the Lord's loving visitation to Israel,...[which] is actually Christ's coming to Israel.

"Ask rain of Jehovah / At the time of spring rain, / Of Jehovah who makes the lightning, / And He will give them showers of rain, / To everyone herbage in the field" (v. 1)...To ask for more rain is to seek more blessing. Thus...the Lord is encouraging the children of Israel to seek more blessings while He would be favorable to them. While the Lord is so favorable to us, we should ask Him to send us even more favor. Since God is giving us showers of rain, we should ask Him for more rain. This indicates that we all need to pray for the Lord's abundant blessing.

"Jehovah of hosts has visited His flock, the house of Judah, / And will make them like His horse of majesty in battle" (Zech. 10:3b). God came to His people in such a gracious way to visit them. His visiting them was Christ's coming to them. He came in the man, Jesus.

This portion of the Word speaks about the Shepherd of God's flock. In the New Testament the Lord Jesus likened Himself to a shepherd...He was the good

Shepherd who gave up His life for the sheep (John 10:11, 14-15).

By visiting His flock, He makes them like a horse of majesty. Are you a sheep or a horse of majesty? We all need to progress so that we are no longer sheep but horses of majesty. After being touched by the Shepherd, every weak sheep will become a horse of majesty.

Zechariah 10:8-12 reveals further aspects of the Lord's loving visitation to Israel...The Lord's whistling [in verse 8] is not shrill but mild and gentle, somewhat like the singing of a bird. Often during our time of morning revival, the Lord whistles to us, calling us and gathering us to Him.

"I will strengthen them in Jehovah, / And they will walk about in His name, / Declares Jehovah" [v. 12]. The I here is Jehovah, indicating that Jehovah will strengthen His people in Himself. They will then walk about in His name. To be in someone's name is to be one with the person who is the reality of that name. To be in God's name is to be one with God in our daily walk, living, walking, and having our being in God's name.

Often after we enjoy such a loving visitation, our situation changes. In His visitation He encourages us to seek more blessings...We are not that bold or strong, but after the Lord's visitation with His dear touch, we are strengthened to become horses of majesty in battle. Eventually, the Lord strengthens us in Himself so that we may walk about in His name. (*Life-study of Zechariah*, pp. 57-60)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Zechariah*, msgs. 9-10, 13-15

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8 But God commends His own love to us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, having now been justified in His blood, we will be saved through Him from the wrath.

10 For if we, being enemies, were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more we will be saved in His life, having been reconciled,

11 And not only so, but also boasting in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

17 For if by the offense of the one death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

18 So then as it was through one offense unto condemnation to all men, so also it was through one righteous act unto justification of life to all men.

19 For just as through the disobedience of one man the many were constituted sinners, so also through the obedience of the One the many will be constituted righteous.

20 And the law entered in alongside that the offense might abound; but where sin abounded, grace has super-abounded,

21 In order that just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Further Reading:Further Reading: *Life-study of Zechariah*, msg. 15**Hymns, #16**

1 Our Father, as the evergreen,
Thou art forever new;
Thou art the ever living Lord,
Thy freshness as the dew.

Chorus

O Father, Thou art unchanging,
Thou never hast grown old;
Thru countless ages, ever fresh,
Thy newness doth unfold.

2 O Thou art God, and Thou art "new";
Without Thee all is worn,
But all with Thee is ever fresh,
Though many years have gone.

3 Each blessing Thou hast given us
Thy newness doth contain;
Thy covenant, Thy ways are new,
And ever thus remain.

4 Now we Thy new creation are-
New spirit and new heart;
We're daily from the old renewed,
New life Thou dost impart.

5 The earth and heavens will be new
And Thy new city share;
New fruits each month will be supplied,
For all is newness there.

6 O Father, Thou art ever new,
And all is new in Thee;
We sing the new eternal song,
New praise we give to Thee.

Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Romans**Level 1—Romans Sequential Study**

Scripture: Rom. 4:1-25

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msgs. 7-8**Level 2—Romans Topical Study**

Crucial Point: God's Righteous Judgment of Unrighteous, Self-righteous, and Religious Mankind

Scripture: Rom. 1:18-3:20

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msgs. 3-4;
Conclusion of the New Testament: The Church, the Kingdom, and the New Jerusalem, msg. 221

Supplemental Reading: None

Hymn: 21

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