

thing like that sooner or latter. You realize your own shortcomings and you say, well, is it possible that God can use me after all? Chapter 3 answers this then. In Chapter 3, we have perhaps the most beautiful chapter in Zechariah and I'm sorry that I will deal with it in a very hasty fashion, but you read it sometime, and encourage your minister to preach on it sometime, if he takes advice from the members of the congregation, because Chapter 3 for the believer is a beautiful passage of Scripture. It shows the cleansing of a man by God and how that even though a man sins, God is faithful and just to cleanse him and to forgive him for all his unrighteousness, that is, to forgive him and cleanse him for all his unrighteousness. Here's the picture in Chapter 3. Joshua, the high priest, the most Godly man in Israel, so to speak, stands before the throne of God. Was he a sinner? He was the most Godly man in Israel. Was he a sinner? Every man is a sinner, and every man, no matter how sanctified he may imagine, will still have something of the flesh clinging to him nearby that needs confession and forgiveness day by day at the throne of grace. So here's Joshua the high priest. He's standing at the throne of God, and standing on his right hand is the smirking character that we call Satan. And Satan is looking at him to hold him away from God. Why? Because he is a sinner, and Satan is saying of him as he said of Job of old, as he'll say of you, of me and every other faithful
/one of Christ if he gets the opportunity, what is this man doing in heaven? What's this man doing before the throne of God? This man is a sinner, and this is the thought, you see, that was sweeping through Israel. The people had been sinners, and how do we know that God hasn't just dropped the work? And God says to