

time to discuss all the aspects in the vision, we do not have, but we have this much time, to point out that this vision answers the sin question on the part of people who realize that they've fallen short of the grace of God. Not in a salvation sense but in a living sense. Even the most Godly Jew, must have known that in this absence from the work of God, he had fallen short of God's expectations, and God says to him, I haven't laid aside Jerusalem because ye sinned. The Lord rebuked you, the Lord that has chosen Jerusalem rebuked you. And God hasn't laid aside you. Now God sometimes does lay people aside when they persist in wickedness and God laid Israel aside for a period of time that extends through this day and age in this dispensation, because they refused to accept the Messiah, you see. But basically speaking, God invites the sinner to come and repent and be made stronger and be sanctified through the grace and through the power of our God. And in verse 3 you see this positive theory. Sin is a reproach to Israel, to Jerusalem, to Judah but sin did not mean that God had abandoned them. Sin meant that God wanted them cleansed and clean and forgiven, and serving Him. And here's a practical point, if you'll pardon my going back into that familiar theme. The sin in your life, when laid before a Holy God, would condemn your soul apart from His grace, but in Christ Jesus He says, this person is clean. I have chosen this person as a brand plucked from the burning. And no believer need hang back from the Word of God saying, well, I'm a sinner and I'm not capable of the <sup>great</sup> things that other saints are capable of. What any believer needs to do is to lay his life open before God, and then to serve Him and do His will in accord with His Word. So, we move ahead in Zechariah to Chapter 4. A question again. Here's the temple, God's will,