

blood of Jesus shed at Calvary and it reminds me that by faith in Him I am delivered from my sins, past, present and yet to come. But by faith in Him, I have peace with God and have no longer any part in condemnation. So, says the prophet, the blood of the covenant guarantees for you that God will deliver his people. Not only that which is shed in the passive sense but also in verse 16, the direct action of God. I am in Chapter 9, incidentally. In verse 16, of chapter 9, the direct action of God Himself. The Lord their God shall save them in that day as the flock of His people. The battle bow will be taken from Ephraim, we're told in previous cases. Judah's armorments won't mean anything. The Jews, the people of God, call them by what title you like, will be a small and a driven people. God says, what will save them? Their military might? The Lord Himself will save them. You see how the promise of deliverance is given by Zechariah against the time of need. Here's a small group of people. Certainly God has said Jerusalem is going to be so big that you can't measure it. God has said, I will protect you. But there is still a small group of people and they still see the enemies all around and Zechariah says to them prophetically, your king is coming, your God will save you. These enemies will be judged. Consequently, be fervent about the work of God today. You see, the problem that they had in this prophetic section is the problem that you and I have sometimes. We get our eyes so much on the obstacles and on the difficulties, that by face we cannot see the power of the operation of God. And we see this problem, and we see this problem, and we see this shortage and suddenly our eyes are blinded and the vision is gone, and the people perish. This is why we languor sometimes in spiritual