

in accord with their trust and acceptance of Him. And here's the way this ties together with the first 6 Chapters. It adds purpose and it adds power to the whole thing. So we have here today a world in which we are trying to win people for Jesus Christ. Not that any of us might be glorified, but that God might be glorified and that these people might be saved. And we know that they enter into blessing only if they trust Him. That is specifically prophesied and specifically given to us. As we go about the work, we know that it is God's will and we know that we ought to do it. We know that there will be obstacles, we know that God gives the power to overcome them. We know, at the same time, that there is judgment ahead for all that do not believe, but there is <sup>a</sup> Messiah that has offered to all that will believe, and that there is a glorious age ahead for the people of God in the time of His own fulfilling. And Zechariah prophesies these things and attaches them to the present works of the children of God were doing, and it gives purpose and it gives meaning to the whole thing. I never like to work at any thing that I can't see the purpose. Down at the Seminary I have one of the classes in Homiletics. Homiletics is a mystic art. It's taking men who can speak good when they come to Seminary, and making poor preachers out of them when they graduate from the Seminary, and it's a very clever business. Why, I have one of the classes in Homiletics and I require men when they preach for my class to put on a piece of paper a little sentence that starts like this and it's finished in 25 words or less. "My purpose in preaching this message is ...." <sup>Why are you preaching this message?</sup> / Why is Zechariah giving this message? Zechariah is giving this message to say there is no justifiable reason for not doing the will of God, as I discussed with you this morning. And in the second place, giving this message to show the wonderful