

MOTIVATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR DOING THE WORK OF THE LORD  
AS PROVIDED BY THE BOOK OF ZECHARIAH.

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I. Some general notes:

--They say the longer the title the duller the talk!

--The Work of the Lord...

--The challenge of our time and the tests of discouragement.

We might analyze them until the cows come home. That is the task of another talk or another speaker. It is more important for us to remember the help of God and to be filled with the possibility of what He will do. But in coming to this we need to bear in mind certain key ideas given by the Lord Jesus:

--The servant is not greater than his lord...

--If they have hated me....

--If they have rejected my word....

--I delight to do thy will....

Unfortunately these are not the things I am discussing today but thought I should mention them in passing.

--The Challenge in Zechariah's day... Build the Temple

--the return

--the job

--an interruption

--a resumption

--the time table

--points of inference and interference as well.

--Our approach: We will quickly survey the book in three segments... gaining not the totality of the message but the broader meaning of the passages. Application will be given to these and by that time...we will go home.

II. The Help of God (Zechariah 1-6)

The heart of the idea is given in 4:6...it is by God's Spirit that His work is achieved...but in the meantime He gives us some pretty concrete things with which to work.

A. Character of these chapters

1. Biblical visions: one picture is worth...
2. The source of revelation (truth)
3. The need of encouragement