

work of the Lord. I was going through a "Zechariah phase" anyway and the thought of treating the book in a somewhat expository form seemed useful. The meetings at Asheville were held in a large outdoor hall with open sides ---and coverings that could be rolled down to give shelter in case of rain. It was a different sort of auditorium and gave the attendees splendid opportunity for nature watching if the ministry proved dull. I am not sure how long the conference remained at this location but I was invited twice and this series of notes on Zechariah covered two weeks of ministry. I have put them together because, well, they were together. I had a formal syllabus with some background material that we passed out. Against this the messages were prepared. In this memory account I will give the synopsis of the messages *from my printed notes and then add the formal points of the preaching outlines* but with very little content or else we will be writing a long, long book.

**The Ministry: Doing the work of the Lord: Selected studies in the book of Zechariah**

1. What holds back the work of God?
2. Profiting from the Past
3. Learning to Trust the Lord
4. Enjoying the Realities of Grace
5. Finding the Proper Source of Power
6. Disposing of Unnecessary Stuff
7. The Character of Divine Deliverance
8. How to Ruin a Good Thing
9. The Blessing Induced by Suffering
10. The Danger of Deceit
11. The Reward of Grace
12. Center all of Life on the Will of God

**The Idea:**

Faced with the enormous task of rebuilding the nation, reestablishing its worship, restoring a worship center, and many other things, the Hebrews who returned from Babylon had more than their hands full. They had the authority of God behind them as well as that of the immediate secular authorities. But the largeness of the task tended to slow them down and a few political problems became big excuses for not vigorously pursuing the project. The prophets Haggai and Zechariah had the spiritual challenge of stimulating the people to the end that God desired and their ministry was accepted and the major parts of the work were completed in "record time". Zechariah's constant challenge is to "get on with the work of God" and he uses many arguments to gain this end. A very nice commentary on Zechariah is that of Feinberg: *God Remembers* and another is Unger: *Zechariah*. A commentary or a Bible dictionary will prove very helpful in the study of this book due to