

While it is true that we are to be “forgetting those things that are behind” (Philippians 3), and also not to be living in the concepts of the past (Ecclesiastes 7), it is also true that we can gain great profits from past events and settings as is seen in the way in which the Lord reminds Israel to remember the past and live in the light of what He had done for them. How we do this is the subject of this discussion and, had the Hebrews of the time of Zechariah done it, much pain would have been spared, And that applies to us also.

II. Outline points of the message:

- A, Disobedience leads to discouragement Zc 1:4-6
- B. The Lord does not, has not forsaken His work Zc. 1:7-17
- C. The Lord knows how to deal with the foes Zc 1:18-21
- D. The Lord is continually present with His people Zc 1:17

(This section is rich in speech figures and symbols to show how the people of that time should have known God had completed the judgment and now wanted them full restored to Himself.)

- III. Conclusion: *If we take any spiritual accounting of events of God’s dealings, blessings, etc., in the past, we will know there is no reason for shrinking from His work today. He does not change and His power and strength are not compromised by time. The challenge is for us to trust and move on. He is absolutely trustworthy.*

MESSAGE # 3: LEARNING TO TRUST THE LORD

Biblical Passages: Zc. 1:7-2:13

I. Synopsis of the Message

Of course, trust is not manufactured in the human heart but there are ways in which our trust can be deepened. Some believers are unable to undertake the will of God since they have not learned a real sense of trust....they can never build a temple, so to speak, since they feel whatever they try to do will fail. The Lord shows His faithfulness in