

B. Deliverance is by Sovereign Control of Circumstance (9:10-ff)

C, Deliverance is by obedience: theirs and ours (9:13-15)

Belief, faith, and doing the will of God go hand in glove in this sort of setting. Our obedience delivers us from many of the trials of life that would otherwise trap and ruin us.

III. Conclusion: So if anyone wonders about the permanency of any work and feels it is no use trying since most of the works fail sooner or later, that party is looking pessimistically without taking into account the program of God in which, at times, our failures become the foundation for new strengths. To accept Divine deliverance is to free us from the fear of failure and the idea that our work is not really worthwhile.

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MESSAGE # 8: HOW TO RUIN A GOOD THING

Biblical Passages: Zechariah 11

I. Synopsis of the Message

This is probably not the best title but the fact is that much that God has offered, supplied, etc., has been ruined by unbelief and rejection of His will. The Book of Hebrews is a fine commentary on this but the glaring way in which Israel achieved the same thing in the days of the Lord Jesus is mind-boggling. They valued the deliverance of God as being virtually worthless. This not only explains much of their history, but gives insights into a good bit of our own. And note I am not suggesting that we learn to ruin things but rather that we learn to take advantage of what God has given us and preserve or utilize the good things.

II. Outline Points of the Message (dealing generally in Zechariah 11)

A. Forget the care of the flock (11:4 ff) The false shepherds do this and the flock suffers./

B. Minimize the work of grace (11:12 ff)

C. Abandon the fellowship (11:15 ff)