

to accept the offers of grace. This will prove to be dramatically true for Israel and there is a great application for the life of the believer on a daily plane.

II. Outline Points of the Message:

- A. Suffering prepares one for deliverance 12:7 ff
- B. Suffering makes one ready for God's work 12:10 ff
- C. Suffering unites the community of God's people 12:12 ff

III. Conclusion: There are many trials in the work of the Lord and there are times when we do not wish to have any of them. But in the overall plan of things they may be our greatest asset. Israel's trials in this chapter are largely eschatological but they will prepare the nation for the great blessing God will bring to it out of and in the scope of the Messianic age.

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MESSAGE # 10: THE DANGERS OF DECEIT

Biblical Passages: Zechariah 13

I. Synopsis of the message:

The Lord's is often handicapped by those who claim to have an interest in it but are actually pretenders. Those who are not heartily engaged in God's will may take a lesson from the chapter and the general trend of it should cause us all to have a greater seriousness about spiritual affairs. There are some very deep prophetic notes in the chapter that I will not deal with in this talk and maybe someday I will return with a truly exegetical discussion of the whole book.

II. Outline Points of the Message:

- A. Following false prophets always leads to God's rejection: 13:2
- B. When the shepherd is rejected only chaos can follow 13:7