

God's Promise to His People

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Zechariah / Zechariah 1:7-21

Introduction

Please turn in your Bibles to [Zechariah 1](#). If you need help finding Zechariah, go to Matthew and turn back a couple books. Today we will be looking at just the first night vision of Zechariah in [Zechariah 1:7-17](#). As you turn there let's begin with a word of prayer.

› PRAY

Yahweh Remembers, Therefore Repent. This is the main theme of the book of Zechariah and its opening verses.

After returning to the land and receiving opposition from their adversaries, these exiles stopped rebuilding the temple in Jerusalem for 16 years. They were quickly practicing the sin from their fathers before them.

Israel committed sins of omission: sins of non-action. They did not do what God's word teaches that we should do.

Israel knew and should have been building God's house, but instead they were building their own houses ([Haggai 1:9](#)). They did NOT do the things they should have done, according to God's word.

They also committed sins of commission: sins of action. They did what God's word teaches that we should NOT do.

Israel sinned like this when they turned to other gods and made idols for themselves, which is what sent them into exile in the first place.

Whether intentional or unintentional, in public or in private, sins of omission or commission, they sinned. Yahweh again calls on these returning exiles in [Zechariah 1](#) to repent of their sin.

Beginning in verse 7, we fast forward three months after verses 1-6 to February 15, 519 BC:

Zechariah 1:7 ESV

On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month of Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, son of Iddo, saying,

Certain dates in any culture can bring memories. If you asked somebody in the United States, “What are you doing on the FOURTH?” They know you are talking about the fourth of....JULY.

If you say 9/11, it is September 11, 2001.

Jews today unfortunately have the same association with October 7.

The day “24” was significant for the nation of Israel. It marked the beginning of the rebuilding of the temple and messages from the prophet Haggai.

Now we arrive to the 24th day of the eleventh month - exactly two months after Haggai’s message - with another message from the word of the LORD through Zechariah.

Israel is reminded again in this verse that they are not a free and prosperous nation. They are now in the age that Jesus calls, “the time of the Gentiles ([Luke 21:24](#)).” Israel is under the rule of pagan rulers and nations, like Darius of Medo-Persia.

The land is devastated. The temple is puny compared to the old one. They are oppressed by their enemies.

› Was there any hope?

That is the concern of God's people - is there any hope?

The word of Yahweh comes to Zechariah, son of Berechiah, son of Iddo on this one night - February 15, 519 BC - with 8 visions.

› That was a busy night for Zechariah!

He comes to remind them that YES - God DOES Remember His Promises for His People. Yahweh remembers and Yahweh blesses in HIS time.

Hope is never found in circumstances or in sin but in the Savior. Hope is always found in the person and work of Jesus Christ. Everything in all of life and history points to Jesus Christ ([Col. 3:16-17](#)).

The Messiah is the central figure in all of history and all of creation. It all points to Him. In these 8 visions that extend from chapters 1-6, each vision parallels and builds off another to form what is called a chiastic structure - and at the center, what all the visions point to, the focal point is: The Messiah.

The first vision we will see today is of a man riding on a red horse who signifies how God Remembers His Promises for His People. GOD is the reason His promises will be fulfilled. GOD is the reason His word will not fail. It is because of God that everything He says He will do.... He WILL do.

In verses 8-17 there are 4 foundations of God's promises to His people.

1. The Lord's Control (8-11)
2. The Lord's Comfort (12-13)
3. The Lord's Character (14-15)
4. The Lord's Commitment (16-17)

The first foundation is in verses 8-11:

1. The Lord's Control (8-11)

Zechariah 1:8-11 ESV

“I saw in the night, and behold, a man riding on a red horse! He was standing among the myrtle trees in the glen, and behind him were red, sorrel, and white horses. Then I said, ‘What are these, my lord?’ The angel who talked with me said to me, ‘I will show you what they are.’ So the man who was standing among the myrtle trees answered, ‘These are they whom the LORD has sent to patrol the earth.’ And they answered the angel of the LORD who was standing among the myrtle trees, and said, ‘We have patrolled the earth, and behold, all the earth remains at rest.’

There’s a lot in just these three verses, so let’s ask some basic guiding questions focused on the “man” riding on a red horse in verse 8. One...

A. Who Is This Man?

You will see in verse 8 the man was “standing among the myrtle trees.” Who else is “standing among the myrtle trees” in this passage?

› Look down at verse 11:

“And they answered the angel of the LORD who was standing among the myrtle trees.”

The man riding on a red horse in verse 8 is equated with the angel of the LORD in verse 11, both standing among the myrtle trees. They are one and the same.

Immediately your ears might perk up when you hear, “the angel of the LORD” because the angel of the LORD is often referred to in the Old Testament as the pre-incarnate Christ. We call this a theophany or Christophany - a manifestation of God in tangible form.

In the Old Testament the angel of the LORD is often identified as God, speaks as God, or exercises authority as God.

The angel of Yahweh is identified as God in:

Judges 13:22 ESV

“We shall surely die, for we have seen God.”

The angel of Yahweh speaks as God in [Judges 2:1](#) when he says:

Judges 2:1 ESV

“I brought you up from Egypt and brought you into the land that I swore to give to your fathers.

Who was it that brought Israel out of Egypt? It was the Lord! The angel of the Lord speaks as God.

The angel of Yahweh also exercises authority as God in:

Exodus 3:2 ESV

And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed.

These and other instances demonstrate that the angel of Yahweh is God, and what many believe to be the second person of the Godhead - the Messiah - Jesus Christ.

It can be tempting for us to want to read all that truth here in [Zechariah 1](#). Since the angel of the LORD is God elsewhere in the Bible, then we think, “that must mean that is the same angel of the LORD here!”

Before we get too ahead of ourselves, we need to ask: “does this angel of the LORD make these same claims?” If he does, then praise God - this is another appearance of the pre-incarnate Christ.

If he does not, then we must be careful on who we label to be God. If not, then we need to figure out...then who is this man and angel?

So...

I. Does the angel of Yahweh here IDENTIFY himself as God?

Answer: No. Instead of claiming to be God, in verse 12 He actually differentiates himself from the LORD by asking Yahweh a question. He appeals to Yahweh instead of appealing to himself.

How about:

II. Does the angel of Yahweh here SPEAK as God?

Answer: No. In verse 14, he comes saying, "Thus says the LORD of Hosts." He declares a message from God and comes heralding the word of God, but does not speak as God himself.

How about:

III. Does the angel of Yahweh here EXERCISE AUTHORITY as God?

Answer: No! In verse 10 we see that Yahweh has authority, not the man or the angel.

So if the angel of the LORD in [Zechariah 1](#) is not the pre-incarnate Christ, then WHO is he?

The word angel simply means "messenger". This angel of the LORD here is doing just that - his identity, his speech, his authority is as a messenger of Yahweh. He points to God, points to God's word, and points to God's authority but is not God himself.

- › Listen: Messengers of God embody God's message with their life and their mouth. They never point to their own authority, but always to God's.
- › They never speak their own agenda, but always the word of God. They are not hypocrites that say one thing but act another way - they are not pretenders, but proclaimers of the truth.

- › God's messengers practice what they preach because they represent the message they herald on behalf of their King.

What we see in this first night vision is that the man, the angel of the LORD, and the angel Zechariah speaks with is all one and the same character. His role is to be a messenger that embodies the Lord's message and points us to God.

This is not the first time a messenger like this has brought this message. This is not the first time a prophet received a vision at night. This is not the first time an angel came as a man to declare the Lord's control.

This man, this angel, who appears to Zechariah has also appeared to the prophet: Daniel.

In [Daniel 7-10](#) an angel helps Daniel interpret night visions that show how the Lord is in control of the cosmos. Then Daniel says in:

Daniel 8:15 ESV

When I, Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it. And behold, there stood before me one having the appearance of a man.

Daniel's interpreting angel had the appearance of a man. Then in [Daniel 12:8](#) Daniel calls this interpreting angel, "My lord."

What do we see here in [Zechariah 1](#)? Like Daniel, we see this angel, this messenger of Yahweh, as a man, who Zechariah also calls in verse 9, "My lord."

Who is this man riding on a red horse? The same angel who pointed Daniel to The Lord is the same angel who points Zechariah to the Lord here in chapter 1. And I believe that he is who Daniel identifies as the angel Gabriel. And when Gabriel comes onto the scene in [Luke 1](#), what is Gabriel called? The angel of the Lord.

Already God demonstrates in this first vision that He Remembers His Promises to His People. The Lord made promises to Daniel in exile - but has God forgotten? Will He remember His people post-exile?

Answer: YES. The Lord IS in control. History is in His command. Yahweh Remembers.

A second question we can ask about this man is WHERE He is:

B. Where Is This Man?

- › Notice in verse 8 and 11 again - where is the man standing? Among the Myrtle trees.

A Myrtle tree was a common shrub that blossomed white flowers - it grew no bigger than 8 feet tall.

Many of us right now wish we had some shrubs that weren't growing quite as tall. But unlike us, when Israel hears "Myrtle trees" they are not necessarily thinking of invasive shrubs that need to be rooted out.

The Jews reading this would have made a direct association with Myrtle trees and the celebration of the Feast of Booths, also known as the Feast of Tabernacles, in [Leviticus 23](#).

The Feast of Tabernacles is where the Israelites built booths out of Myrtle branches to remember God's faithfulness in bringing Israel to the land after the wilderness wanderings.

It is no wonder we see in [Nehemiah 8](#) that these returning exiles reinstated this Feast! They also had an Exodus and God returned them to their land, just like their forefathers.

It would have been just a few months before this night vision in October (when Zechariah first called the nation to repent) that they used Myrtle trees to build booths and celebrate this very feast.

The Myrtle trees pointed back to God's deliverance and also pointed forward to God's deliverance. God promised in [Isaiah 41:19](#) and 55:13 how when the Messiah returns, Myrtle trees will be replanted as a sign of future blessing and flourishing in the millennial kingdom.

This man riding on a red horse is standing among the Myrtle trees, pointing to God's faithfulness and deliverance both past and future.

And we see in verse 8 how the Myrtle trees were in a "glen" or a "ravine."

Outside of Jerusalem was a ravine - the lowest point of the Kidron Valley. Some of Zechariah's readers may know that place well - it was the place where they were driven out by the Babylonians. It is the place where Israel went into exile ([2 Kings 25](#)).

› **Let's picture this vision.**

This man is the messenger of Yahweh pointing to the Messiah as the One who is in control of the cosmos, just like in the book of Daniel. And now he is standing in the place where they were exiled in between the Myrtle trees - reminding them of what God has done and what He will do, just as He promised through the prophet Isaiah.

So is he doing nothing? Will he just stand there and do nothing?

This prompts a third question about this man:

C. What Is This Man Doing?

This man, this angel of Yahweh, is sitting on a red horse with red, sorrel, and white horses behind him.

Just the other day we were driving in the beautiful Virginia country side admiring the many horses in Northern Virginia. We saw some horses training for pole jumping and trotting. They were clearly show horses.

These horses in [Zechariah 1](#) are no show horses. Like in [Deuteronomy 17](#), horses were used to show off military might, which is what we see here - these are horses that patrol the earth with Yahweh as their Commander-in-Chief.

Don't we see even world leaders today act this way? One leader shows off his nation's military might with flyovers. Other leaders shows off their weapons with military advances.

We observe this in verse 8 as the man is riding on a red horse. Red is often associated with blood, death, or judgment.

And behind him are red, sorrel, and white horses. White often indicates triumph and victory ([Daniel 7:9](#)). Scholars' best guesses on the color "sorrel" is that it could be referring to red and white spotted horses.

- › When Zechariah asks, "What are these?" He's asking the same question we all are, "What's going on here!?"

The angel answers that it is Yahweh, the LORD who has sent them to patrol the earth.

To "patrol" is the Hebrew word for walk. We see in [Job 1:7](#) how Satan also roams and walks on the earth.

- › Sometimes you or I may get caught up in activities, distracted by what's in front of us.
- › Yet there is angelic activity happening all around us all the time to the extent that [Hebrews 13:2](#) says how we may entertain angels without even knowing it.
- › Believers are engaged in a spiritual war daily. The only way to be equipped for this type of cosmic battle is by putting on God's armor and standing firm in the strength of HIS might ([Eph. 6](#)).

The Lord is the commander of angelic hosts. He is in control of the cosmos. And God is not sitting back idle. He is ready for judgment and triumph. This may preview some horses we see later in [Revelation 6](#).

However in verse 11 these angelic armies report back that it is not God who is sitting idle - the EARTH is the one at rest.

At first we may think, “Oh that’s great! Don’t we all want world peace? Don’t we want things to be settled down?”

- › Even as we speak now, the world is in chaos. There are wars and rumors of wars. Shouldn’t we want the earth to be at rest?

Well, remember - Yahweh remembers and Yahweh blesses in HIS time.

Throughout the prophets there was promise that in the end when Messiah comes, the earth will NOT be still and quiet. The Messiah will lead in judgment ([Zeph. 2:4-9](#)), battle ([Ezekiel. 38-39](#)), and victory for God’s people over the nations ([Isa. 63:1-2](#)).

Haggai prophesied just months earlier in,

Haggai 2:21 ESV

“I am about to shake the heavens and the earth,

- › That doesn’t sound very peaceful does it?

After the angels survey the landscape, the report is this: it is not yet time. The temple is not rebuilt, the nation has not repented, the Messiah has not yet come, and the nations are at ease - they are comfortable in their sin and wicked ways.

Like a not yet ripened fruit, the time was not yet ripe for the Messiah’s coming.

The Lord is in control of the circumstances and He has not forgotten His plans for His people.

But that might not be an incredibly encouraging report for God’s people. “It’s not time yet? The Messiah has not come? God is still in control, yet we are facing all this adversity? Now what do we do? Is there any hope for us?”

The first foundation of God’s promises to His people is that the Lord is in control. The second foundation of the vision in verses 12-13 is this:

2. The Lord's Comfort (12-13)

Zechariah IS a book of encouragement. It points God's people to God alone who is their comfort. Look at:

Zechariah 1:12-13 *ESV*

Then the angel of the LORD said, 'O LORD of hosts, how long will you have no mercy on Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, against which you have been angry these seventy years?' And the LORD answered gracious and comforting words to the angel who talked with me.

The angel appeals to the LORD of Hosts. The terms "Yahweh" and "hosts" appear in Jeremiah, Isaiah, and Zechariah over 100 times. The term Yahweh of hosts itself appears about 70 times in Jeremiah, about 58 times in Isaiah, and 53 times here in Zechariah.

The angel appeals to the Commander of the heavenly armies - to the LORD who is in control of all history - on behalf of the nation. Like he did in [Daniel 8:13](#) he asks Yahweh, "How long?"

This messenger of Yahweh knows who God is and appeals to His mercy. God was righteously angry against His people.

God is a consuming fire. And like a raging volcano, His righteous indignation was building up against Israel. Then it bursted forth on Israel through seventy years of exile.

God is:

Exodus 34:6 *ESV*

merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,

But Israel's refusal to repent of her sin required God to act.

- › Yet I love how the Lord does not rebuke the angel for this question. He does not reject the angel's prayer of, "How LONG, O Lord?"

The Lord could easily respond Himself by saying HOW LONG. How long will it be until my people turn from their sin? HOW LONG will it be until they return to me?

Instead the LORD here responds with gracious and comforting words. The word "gracious" is the familiar Hebrew word "tov", which means "good". Yahweh responds to the angel favorably with GOOD words of comfort.

Although man fails time and time again, God and His word never fails. He remembers all of His promises to His people including the promise of "comfort."

God told the prophet Isaiah in:

Isaiah 40:1 ESV

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

Although it seemed like nothing was happening for Israel, the Lord was in control. He knew the state of His people - and they did not fall through the cracks.

- › Maybe that is what you are feeling like here this morning. That you have failed. That you are forgotten. That you have fallen through the cracks. Perhaps you feel God saw you and looked the other way.

God does not forget His people. He is a merciful God that will not leave, forsake, destroy, or forget His people ([Deut. 4:31](#)). The Lord remembers and brings comfort to a people who are afflicted and even feeling apathetic.

The only way Israel was going to experience comfort in their situation was by repenting of their sin and turning to their Savior.

Sin destroys. It always leads to despair and devastation. Sin blinds us that God is good and desires good for His people. Sin practiced over time creates a calloused heart.

Like a musician who practices a string instrument, at first their fingers will be sensitive to string and it will be painful. But the more they practice, the more calloused their finger becomes and the less pain they feel of pressing on the string.

So is it when the believer continues to practice sin. It hardens the heart.

The only way for God's people to receive the blessing of comfort is to turn to Him. It is not simply turning to things about God or that concern God, but actually turning to God Himself.

- › If you are like Israel, afflicted and in despair because of your sin or situation today, look to the Lord.
- › Christ is One who has come and is coming again. He suffered as the sacrifice for sin's punishment. God's anger for your sin is satisfied in Him, but you must turn from your sin and trust in Him alone. He alone is the One who comforts. He is merciful. He is compassionate.

Jesus says:

Matthew 11:28 ESV

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

- › It all points to Christ. It is all about Him and for Him. Come to Christ.

You can trust that God will do what He says He will do because verses 14-15 reveal a third foundation of God's promise to His people:

3. The Lord's Character (14-15)

Zechariah 1:14-15 ESV

So the angel who talked with me said to me, 'Cry out, Thus says the LORD of hosts: I am exceedingly jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion. And I am exceedingly angry with the nations that are at ease; for while I was angry but a little, they furthered the disaster.

When we see these words “jealous” and “angry”, it can be difficult to fathom how God can be these things when in our own sinfulness we so selfishly twist jealousy and anger.

Sinful jealousy selfishly desires what another has and will do anything to get it. Sinful anger also has selfish motives and reacts when you don’t get your own way. These are both motivated by pride.

The difference with God is that there is no sin found in God. He is perfect and pure. His anger is in accord with His righteous character.

God is jealous not because He wants something that somebody else has that He cannot have - He is God! everything belongs to Him ([Psalm 24:1](#)). He is jealous because something that rightly belongs to Him is given to another.

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- › Have you ever cared for something so deeply that when it is taken from you, it leaves you devastated?

The closest earthly parallel to this is the marriage relationship. When a husband and wife belong to one another and one spouse abandons the other, it leaves the other spouse devastated.

That is exactly what Israel did to the Lord for generation after generation. They committed spiritual adultery.

God said in the 10 commandments that He is a jealous God for His people, but listen to how Israel treated God in:

Jeremiah 3:20 ESV

Surely, as a treacherous wife leaves her husband, so have you been treacherous to me, O house of Israel, declares the LORD.’ ”

God's people loved and served other lower case "g" gods, but God still is exceedingly jealous for Jerusalem and Zion. He desires what is rightfully His.

Jerusalem is Israel's capital and Zion is the name of the hill in Jerusalem where the temple was built ([2 Sam. 5:2](#)). It is also the future place where the Messiah will rule and reign on His throne over the whole earth ([Ps. 2:6](#), [Isa. 2:3](#)).

Despite Israel's repeated rejection, God is faithful to His promises not because of them, but in spite of them. He is faithful to His promises because He is faithful to His own character, which also means judgment is coming for Israel's enemies.

Yahweh was already angry with Israel. He orchestrated the nations to bring judgment and exile upon His people. But the nations took it too far. Judgment was meant just for a time to lead the nation to compassion ([Isa. 54:6-7](#)). But instead their judgment on Israel was cruel.

Earlier in this vision, the earth was at rest and the nations were comfortable in their sin, but now they have furthered their disaster.

When the Messiah comes, when Jesus returns, Yahweh's anger shifts from Israel to the nations ([Joel 3:2](#)). Jesus talks about this judgment of the nations as the sheep-goat judgment in [Matthew 25](#). And the Lord will be exceedingly angry.

The Lord is faithful to His promises, which is built on the foundations of the Lord's Control, the Lord's Comfort, and the Lord's character.

The final foundation is found in verses 16-17:

4. The Lord's Commitment (16-17)

Every sport has both fans and critics. The critics may be called the "haters" or the "doubters". And it is always a sweet moment for the athlete when they "silence their doubters." When everything is on the line, the athlete appears to be down and out, but they rise up to the occasion. They make that comeback drive, that three point shot, that kick, that goal, and it silences their opponents. They sealed the deal.

That is what God does here in verses 16-17. He silences all the doubters. He seals the deal. He makes bold commitments that only God can make:

Zechariah 1:16-17 ESV

Therefore, thus says the LORD, I have returned to Jerusalem with mercy; my house shall be built in it, declares the LORD of hosts, and the measuring line shall be stretched out over Jerusalem. Cry out again, Thus says the LORD of hosts: My cities shall again overflow with prosperity, and the LORD will again comfort Zion and again choose Jerusalem.’ ”

The angel asks in verse 12, “How long will you have no mercy?” Well we see here that God’s mercy has returned to Jerusalem - the temple is built, that cities are prosperous, and Israel will be comforted.

The Lord’s commitments are bold and victorious. It seals the deal. It silences His enemies.

Remember the man at the beginning of the vision? We saw how this man/angel/angel of the LORD appeared in Daniel’s night visions. Well this man also appeared to another prophet - Ezekiel.

In [Ezekiel 40-43](#) this angel appears as a man who has a measuring rod. The glory of the Lord has departed from Israel and from the temple. But the vision revealed to Ezekiel is a new temple of a future millennial kingdom where the Messiah will rule and reign.

Here again this same angel appears to Zechariah in this night vision saying - God has not forgotten.

In the end, when Israel repents and turns to Christ, the temple will be rebuilt on Zion in Jerusalem. The glory of God will return in Jesus Christ, His Spirit will dwell in their hearts ([Ezekiel. 36](#)), and He will reign mercifully.

Just like the angel did for Ezekiel, we see with Zechariah this measuring line that stretches over the whole city. In [2 Kings 21:13](#), a measuring line was stretched over Jerusalem for judgment. In Ezekiel, the measuring rod measures the rebuilt temple, and in Zechariah the measuring line measures the rebuilt city.

God turned Jerusalem upside down in judgment like one wipes a dish, but now He turns it all around again in overwhelming blessing.

That's what we read in verse 17. God turns it all around.

Israel will no longer be adulterers. They will again belong to God - all of Israel will be His. God claims them here as HIS possession: "My cities." And they will overflow with prosperity.

The word overflow is also translated in the Old Testament as the word "scattered." Here is the reversal - Israel was scattered among the nations; now Israel's prosperity will be scattered. They will be overflowing with "goodness".

Yahweh had "good and comforting words", and here they are. It is His commitment to reverse the curse when He will be their God and they will be His people. Their goodness will overflow, Zion and Jerusalem will be one, and they will finally received that promised comfort and rest.

In that day:

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

He shall reign in glory,
Crowned with grace and might.
Bless His name and praise the sov'reign King.
He shall reign forever with His chosen bride,

And all the earth shall sing
That Jesus is the King!

God has not forgotten one promise for His people because of His Control, His Comfort, His Character, and His Commitment. Whether it was to Daniel, Ezekiel, Isaiah, or any other prophet, God has not forgotten. He holds it all together and does what He says He will do. It all points to Christ.

This is what Christ died for. Amen He died for the forgiveness of sin, but its end is for so much more.

Jesus as the Servant of the Lord states His mission in:

Isaiah 49:13-16 ESV

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing!
For the LORD has comforted his people
and will have compassion on his afflicted.
But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me;
my Lord has forgotten me."

- › Like Zion, are you in a place this morning where you don't feel like singing?
There is no comfort, no compassion, you feel like you are forgotten?

Christ responds this way:

Isaiah 49:13-16 ESV

"Can a woman forget her nursing child,
that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb?
Even these may forget,
yet I will not forget you.
Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;
your walls are continually before me.

The Lord does not forget those who are engraved on the palm of His hand. He is completely devoted to you to such an extent that He died for you. Who will God forget whom He faithfully died for?

No one. Not one.

You may think God is silent and inactive, that you are forgotten. But God is sovereign and always acting. The glorious King remembers you. He remembers His promise to His people. It all points to Christ.

He alone is worthy. He is worthy of your faith. He is worthy of your trust. He is worthy of your repentance. He is worthy of your submission. He is worthy of your love. He is worthy of your hope. He is worthy of your comfort. He is worthy of your waiting. He is worthy of your suffering. He is worthy of your worship. He alone is worthy.

God remembers His promises to His people. Will you remember Him?

Let us pray.