

The Power and the Plumb Line

Zechariah 4:1-10

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I. Time to wake up. *Zechariah 4:1*

Twenty years after returning to the land, some had become _____. Because of the harassment, many people lost the vision and desire to continue to rebuild the city and the Temple.

- *Haggai 2:9 'The glory of this latter temple shall be _____ than the former,' says the LORD of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the LORD of hosts.'* NKJV

II. The power source. *Zechariah 4:2-6*

Zechariah saw something that was never in the original Temple, **two** _____ **trees** that supplied the **seven lamps** with oil through seven individual pipes.

- Zechariah was the prophet, and Zerubbabel was the civic leader of Jerusalem, who was _____ for making sure the work of rebuilding the Temple would be completed.

The work of the LORD will never be completed by military might, nor by the power of any group of men. The Spirit of the LORD is needed to _____ the LORD's plans and in His way.

- The lamps in **Zechariah 4** had a direct connection to the olive trees just as New Testament Christians have the Holy Spirit, our _____ connection to the Father and His power.

III. Built on God's Word. *Zechariah 4:7-10*

The **great mountain** could have been what seemed like an insurmountable amount of _____ and negativity from those who didn't want the LORD's work of the Temple being rebuilt.

- The LORD often gives us the choice of ignoring Him when we think the thing He is telling us to do is insignificant. But His plans and His timing are always _____. *Luke 12:48*

The Word of God is our plumb line to instruct and test that things are _____ and done in the way the LORD wants them.

IV. Practical Application. *1 Thessalonians 5:19-22*

1. When we feel as if the LORD has given us a vision, we must ensure we are being _____ by the Spirit of God and "**do not quench the Spirit or despise the vision**". *Ephesians 5:18*

2. When we feel as if the LORD has given us a vision, we must first _____ it by the Word of God, as we **test all things; hold fast what is good**. *1 Thessalonians 5:21*
3. After testing the vision by the Word of God, we then spend a lot of time _____ about it. *James 1:19*

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Read **Zechariah 4:1**. What were some of the potential reasons for Israel being discouraged during this time? What can disappointment and discouragement do to us within our walks with Christ? What are some things we can do to prevent spiritual lethargy?
Haggai 2:3-9, Zechariah 3:3-7, John 6:28-29, Revelation 3:14-17, Hebrews 2:1-3, Galatians 6:7-10
2. Read **Zechariah 4:2-5**. What was different about the lampstand in Zechariah compared to the lampstand in the original Temple? What do the two olive trees represent?
3. Read **Zechariah 4:6**. What did the sermon say **might** represent? What did **power** represent? What is the difference between man's power and the power of the Holy Spirit? How do Christians have a direct connection to the Father?
Exodus 25:31-34, Acts 1:8, Ephesians 4:30, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Romans 1:16, John 14:6
4. Read **2 Samuel 6:3-8** and **1 Chronicles 13:7-11**. What is the Oxcart Theory? What was David's sin in this narrative? What was Uzza's sin in this narrative?
Exodus 25:14, John 14:15, Luke 6:46, Deuteronomy 11:1
5. Read **Zechariah 4:7-10**. What is meant by the **day of small things**? Discuss the Bible as God's plumb line.
Luke 12:48, Amos 7:7-8, John 17:17, Proverbs 30:5, John 6:63, 2 Peter 1:3
6. Read **1 Thessalonians 5:19-22** and discuss the three points of the Practical Application of the sermon.
Ephesians 5:18, James 1:19