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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes.....9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Evening Worship.....6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

Bible Classes.....7 p.m.

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WELCOME!

We of the Cambridge church of Christ
invite you to all our services.

"...the churches of Christ salute you" (Romans 16:16).

ZECHARIAH'S VISION OF THE HIGH PRIEST

Zech. 3:1-8

INTRODUCTION:

1. Zechariah—"Remembered by Jehovah". Primary mission: to motivate the returned exiles to complete rebuilding the Jerusalem wall (Ezra 5:1-2; 6:14).
2. Zechariah's message was revealed to him in several visions with varying meanings.
3. Joshua the high priest, and by extension, Jerusalem, is representative of what happens when God's people fall away: They become unfit. They stand in need of deliverance.
4. Also, that renewal is possible *if* we submit to God and comply with His demands.

I. THE TRIBUNAL (1).

- A. Joshua the high priest and (the) satan to his right stand before The Angel of the LORD (preincarnate Christ?).
- B. "Satan", "adversary, accuser"; He accuses Joshua.
- C. Joshua stands for the priesthood; the priesthood represents the people.
 1. Satan's accusations, therefore, are against Judah for their moral condition.
 - a. Although back from captivity, yet defiled by idolatry, uncleanness.
 - b. abandonment of God's house to build up their own, and the cursing of God upon their labors (Hag. 1:6-11; 2:16-17)
 - c. Compare this with Ezekiel 22:26.
 2. Such accusations would prevent Jehovah from accepting the priests and likely were designed to oppose the rebuilding Jerusalem.

II. THE LORD'S REBUKE (2).

- A. The satan felt confident in his accusing the nation as they had a sinful past:
 1. Failed to distinguish between holy/common; clean/unclean (Ezk. 22:26).
 2. Ignorance which led to other various sins (Hos. 4:6, 8).
 3. Teaching for pay (Mic. 3:11).
- B. The satan, however, underestimated the grace of Jehovah God.
 1. For the 3rd time in the book, Jehovah makes his selection of Jerusalem known (cf. 1:17; 2:12)—Jehovah will not be defeated!
 2. God asserts to the satan that these are his people by choice, not by merit.
- C. Joshua, the priests and the nation compared to "a brand plucked from the fire" (cf. Amos 4:11)—rescued!
 1. A "brand", or a "firebrand" (Not a branding iron).
 2. The fire (scholars differ): Egypt (Dt. 4:20); wilderness, Babylon?
 3. "Had the Lord in His mercy not interceded on behalf of Israel there would have been no nation at all" (Daugherty 278)!
 - a. God was their Savior (cf. Isa. 43:3).
 - b. Through Him a remnant would return (Isa. 10:21).
 - c. The remnant would receive a new heart and spirit (Ezk. 36:25-26f).

III. JOSHUA'S FILTHY GARMENTS (3).

- A. Symbolized the sinfulness of the people (Isa. 64:6).
- B. Joshua was bearing the sins of the priests and the nation.

IV. REMOVAL OF THE FILTHY GARMENTS (4).

- A. The priests had sinned, disqualified themselves as mediators. But God would forgive their "iniquity."
 1. Their forgiveness is pictured as changing filthy garments for clean.

2. This is a theme carried over to the NT (cf. Eph. 4:22-24; Col. 3:8-10).
- B. This gracious pronouncement of God symbolizes the removal of the guilt of sins of the nation—forgiveness pronounced!
- C. God has this ability and willingness; thus, Jehovah answers the satan’s charges.

V. THE CLEAN TURBAN (5).

- A. Zechariah speaks up and demands a turban be put on Joshua’s head.
 1. High priest’s headpiece inscribed with “Holy to Jehovah” (Exo. 28:36-38).
 2. Characterized the former holiness of the priestly office and gave assurance that the priesthood would be fully restored.
- B. Once more, the high priest stood before Jehovah:
- C. The priestly nation had rendered themselves unfit to serve God and are now cleansed and made fit by the grace of God.

VI. JEHOVAH’S CHARGE (6-8).

- A. Assures Joshua that he will have access to Him on behalf of the people if they are obedient (6-7).
 1. With the great privileges, come great responsibilities.
 2. Joshua, the priests and the nation would have to walk in His ways (7).
 3. If they failed, the promise would be removed and the privilege of coming into the presence of God would be lost.
- B. Jehovah said that the priesthood will be a sign for, “I am bringing forth My Servant, the BRANCH” (8).
 1. The Branch in prophecy (Isa. 4:2; Isa. 11:1; Jer. 23:5; Jer. 33:15).
 2. This Branch would be a descendant of David, a servant of Jehovah and in Him the priesthood and Kingship of Zerubbabel (Hag. 2:23) would be made complete (Hailey 336). NONE OTHER THAN CHRIST!

VII. THE APPLICATION.

- A. The Cause of Being Unfit.
 1. Satan accuses and opposes us (1 Pet. 5:8).
 2. We lose our purity in sin even though God desires us to be pure (Jas. 1:27).
 3. As a burning stick being destroyed, God plucks us from the fire.
- B. The Cause of Deliverance.
 1. He takes our sin-stained garments from us and gives us new, clean, priestly garments (Isa. 1:18).
 2. We are given a crown (turban) that fades not away (1 Pet. 5:4).
- C. The Renewed Purpose.
 1. We then have a new walk (7).
 - a. Walk in the light (cf. 1 Jn. 1:7).
 - b. Must agree to walk with God (Amos (3:3).
 2. New Motives: to honor the Lord and be true to His calling (Phlp. 2:13).

CONCLUSION:

1. Sin separate us from God (Isa. 59:1-2). We must be renewed in our entire being to be one with God again.
2. The promised Branch has come in the person of Jesus Christ and He invites everyone to partake of the blessings of salvation that He offers—will obey Him today?

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jerry & Erma Endly, Cathy Jackson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Tina Keith, Kathy Mayo and Flavil Miller.

SHUT-INS: Pat Behrendt, Audrey Burns, Jack Mitchell and Shirley Patterson.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: **Nellie Bichard, Weston Boulet**, (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), **Dan Doudna** (Wilma Roe's relative), **Bob & Patty Eddy, Carmie Green** (Flavil Miller's sister), **Herb Hamilton** (friend of the Starrett's), **Bob & Donna Henthorn** (Laura Jamiel's parents), **Collene Keister**, (Mo Smith's sister), **Les McCollum** (friend of Deb McGath), **Erica Rich, Shirley Roe, Mona Stoffer** (Flavil Miller's daughter), **Mitch Vick, Bob & Marge Watson, Kedra Wyatt** and remember to pray for **one another**.

We welcome our visitors and encourage you to fill out one of the blue cards and place it in the collection plate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- It was decided at the Business Meeting that any monies in excess of the weekly budget will be earmarked for a *Handicap Accessible Entrance*. This is a long-term goal to install an elevator at the south-west corner of the auditorium.
- There are up-dated church directories on the table at the rear of the auditorium under the picture board.

REMINDERS:

- ✓ **WORDWATCHER** will meet tomorrow.
- ✓ **Don't forget about our library.**
- ✓ If there are any changes needed to the **Family and Friends** prayer list, please let John know- thank you.

TODAY'S LESSONS

AM: Zechariah's Vision of the High Priest (Zech. 3:1-8).

PM: Proof of Pardon (Romans 8:1-4)

<i>Bible Class</i>	<i>Sun. AM</i>	<i>Sun. PM</i>	<i>Collection</i>	<i>Wed.</i>
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*A wise man's heart inclines him to the right,
but a fool's heart to the left (Ecc. 10:2).*