**A Vision for the Glory of God**

Zec 2:1—*I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand.*

*2 Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof.*

*3 And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him,*

*4 And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein:*

*5 For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.*

This is the Third recorded Vision in the prophecy of Zechariah –

1. First the vision of the Lord in battle for His People
2. Destroyers or Builders Zech. 1:18-21

* Four Horns meet Four Carpenters –
  + The First characterized by Beasts – as horns- wicked cut off
  + The Second by Wisdom and Skill

1. Third vision is for the Glory of God

In this vision God presents to the prophet the promise of restoration of Jerusalem, and the restoration of its temple. At the time the city would not be rebuilt, but greatly extended. God's presence would be with the people, and they would enjoy His protection and His Glory.

All this was literally fulfilled.

However in these promises there seems to be reference to things of greater importance.

I. The Promise of Divine Restoration, to righteousness unto Holiness - vs. 1-2

1. The Man - "Behold a Man" The God-Man.

(1.) To Measure the Moral and Spiritual life -

"To measure Jerusalem"

Only God can weigh and measure the experience of the Believer - Rom. 2:2

Ro 2:1 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. 2 But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

You could measure Goliath but you could not measure David.

(2.) Christ is the Moral Architect -

He has drawn up the Plan -

Ga 1:8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.

(3.) Christ is the Master Builder -

He builds according to the blueprint -

Mt 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

2. The Measuring-Line - vs. 1 "What is truth"

(1.) Truth is defined by the Lord - Its - "in His hand"

(2.) Truth is not measured by what we believe. Truth is measured by the Word. Righteousness/Holiness to the Glory of God revealed from faith/ faith

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

(3.) Measurements - "breadth...and...length"

Indicates strict definition and measurement- God is looking for obedience of faith

II. The Promise of Divine Protection - vs. 5a

Indicative of two things -

1. Judgment to the enemies -

"A Wall of Fire" God Himself - Who can penetrate a wall of fire?

2. Protection to the believer -

The Lord is round His people as a wall - And as a "Wall of Fire."

Men use fire to protect against wild beasts.

III. The Promise of Divine Glory - vs. 5b

1. We as Believers are to be recipients of His Glory -

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2. We as Believers are to be reflectors of His Glory -

Mt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Php 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; 1Pe 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

3. The Glory is in the Temple of the Holy Ghost - not Cathedrals-materials

1Co 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

2Co 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, **I will dwell in them, and walk** in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Romans 3:23—*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;* 5:2*—By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.* 15:7*—Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.* Eze 3:12*—Then the spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing, saying,* ***Blessed be the glory of the LORD from his place****.* Two things hindering the Glory of God; Sinning and coming short of **His Glory**

1. All Sin must be dealt with
2. All coming short must be dealt with

**It is to the Glory of God that we believe Him** John 11:40—*Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?* Ps 19:1*—The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.*

* He works the miraculous
* He does the impossible
* He performs to perfection all our performances

1. The Word, Truth, the Glory of God is the **standard** for man
   1. To God be the Glory

John 11:4 When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the **glory of God**, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby. 25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 2Cor. 1:20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. **4:6** For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. **15** For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. **Php. 2:11** And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Ac7:55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and **saw the glory of God**, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

* + - 1. The Glory of God is His moral standard for man

Ex 33:19 And he said, I will make **all my goodness** pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. 34:6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and **abundant in goodness and truth**,

Ps 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Ro 15:14 ¶ And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

* + - 1. The Glory of God is light

2Co 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

1. Moses experienced the Glory of God

Ex 34:29 And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him. 30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him. 35 And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the vail upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

1. Jesus did on the mountain

Mt 17:2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. John 2:11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him. **18:6** As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground.

1. Saul of Tarsus

Ac 9:3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

22:6 And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me. 7 And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

1. The Apostle Paul

2Co 12:1 It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.

2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.

3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

5 Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.

6 For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me.

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.11 I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I be nothing.12 Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.

* + - 1. Glory is Purity with strength and perfect soundness

Ac 3:12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

* + - 1. Glory is Majesty with great Joy

Ps 93:1 The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.

Ps 97:1 The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

1Pe 1:8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

1Pe 4:13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

Jude 1:24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

* + - 1. Glory is being, perfect being, not just perfect doing

John 17:1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.