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# The Priesthood Restored and Promised

## Zechariah 3:1-10

5 And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord stood by.

6 And the angel of the Lord protested unto Joshua, saying,

7 Thus saith the Lord of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.

8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the Branch.

9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

**THE BIG IDEA**

What is the main truth The Lord showed you in this passage?

Zechariah’s fourth vision is concerning the priesthood. Joshua (the High Priest of the restoration) is seen with filthy garments. These garments are exchanged for clean holy garments, and Joshua is given a charge and commission to serve the Lord. He and his fellow priests serve as pictures of the coming “Branch.” The coming Servant (Christ) will bring about the cleansing of all sin in one day. Only Jesus can truly purge iniquity and forgive sin.

### **Part 1 –The Resistor Rebuked**

Read Zechariah 3:1-2; 1 Peter 5:8-9

- 1) On what basis does the Lord rebuke Satan?
- 2) What does 1 Peter 5 indicate is a key component to our ability to resist our adversary?
- 3) How can these passages inform your practical tactics in resisting the Devil?

### **Part 2—A Change of Raiment**

Read Zechariah 3:3-5; Isaiah 6:1-7; Revelation 7:13-14

- 1) What do the filthy garments represent? What does the new raiment represent?
- 2) According to Isaiah 6 and Revelation 7 how does a person become clean from iniquity?
- 3) Have you received the “white robes of righteousness”? How do you know?

### **Part 3—A Renewed Commission**

Read Zechariah 3:6-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-14

- 1) What instructions is Joshua given and what rewards is he promised?
- 2) How does Paul’s charge to Timothy parallel the charge given to Joshua?
- 3) Do you feel that this charge applies to you? Why?

### **Part 4—A Promised Branch**

Read Zechariah 3:8-10; Isaiah 11:1-10

- 1) In what ways do you think Joshua is a picture of the coming “Branch”?
- 2) According to Isaiah 11 how is the “Branch” a superior ruler to all others?
- 3) How does the promise of the coming “Branch” affect the way you live today?

Don't forget the Big Idea!