God Never Forgets You!

Our Strength, or God's Spirit?

Zechariah 4:1-6:15

**Zechariah 4:1 (ESV)**

And the angel who talked with me came again and woke me, like a man who is awakened out of his sleep.

**Zechariah 4:2 (ESV)**

And he said to me, "What do you see?" I said, "I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it, and seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it.

**Zechariah 4:3 (ESV)**

And there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left."

**Zechariah 4:4 (ESV)**

And I said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my lord?"

**Zechariah 4:5 (ESV)**

Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my lord."

**Zechariah 4:6 (ESV)**

Then he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of hosts.

1. **God Spirit conquers the greatest obstacles.**

**Zechariah 4:7 (ESV)**

Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain. And he shall bring forward the top stone amid shouts of 'Grace, grace to it!' "

1. **God Spirit overcomes the smallest beginnings.**

**Zechariah 4:8 (ESV)**

Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

**Zechariah 4:9 (ESV)**

"The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also complete it. Then you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you.

**Zechariah 4:10 (ESV)**

For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. "These seven are the eyes of the Lord, which range through the whole earth."

1. **God's Spirit uses the unlikeliest people.**

**Zechariah 4:11 (ESV)**

Then I said to him, "What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?"

**Zechariah 4:12 (ESV)**

And a second time I answered and said to him, ''What are these two branches of the olive trees, which are beside the two golden pipes from which the golden oil is poured out?"

**Zechariah 4:13 (ESV)**

He said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my lord."

**Zechariah 4:14 (ESV)**

Then he said, "These are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth."

1. **God's Spirit removes the darkest sin.**

**Zechariah 5:1 (ESV)**

Again I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, a flying scroll!

**Zechariah 5:2 (ESV)**

And he said to me, "What do you see?" I answered, "I see a flying scroll. Its length is twenty cubits, and its width ten cubits."

**Zechariah 5:5 (ESV)**

Then the angel who talked with me came forward and said to me, "Lift your eyes and see what this is that is going out"

**Zechariah 5:6 (ESV)**

And I said, "What is it?" He said, "This is the basket that is going out." And he said, "This is their iniquity in all the land."

**Zechariah 5:7 (ESV)**

And behold, the leaden cover was lifted, and there was a woman sitting in the basket!

**Zechariah 5:8 (ESV)**

And he said, "This is Wickedness." And he thrust her back into the basket, and thrust down the leaden weight on its opening.

**Zechariah 5:9 (ESV)**

Then I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, two women coming forward! The wind was in their wings. They had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between earth and heaven.

**Zechariah 5:10 (ESV)**

Then I said to the angel who talked with me, "Where are they taking the basket?"

**Zechariah 5:11 (ESV)**

He said to me, "To the land of Shinar, to build a house for it. And when this is prepared, they will set the basket down there on its base."

1. **God's Spirit promises the surest hope.**

**Zechariah 6:1 (ESV)**

Again I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, four chariots came out from between two mountains. And the mountains were mountains of bronze.

**Zechariah 6:2 (ESV)**

The first chariot had red horses, the second black horses,

**Zechariah 6:3 (ESV)**

the third white horses, and the fourth chariot dappled horses---all of them strong.

**Zechariah 6:4 (ESV)**

Then I answered and said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my lord?"

**Zechariah 6:5 (ESV)**

And the angel answered and said to me, "These are going out to the four winds of heaven, after presenting themselves before the Lord of all the earth.

**Zechariah 6:9 (ESV)**

And the word of the Lord came to me:

**Zechariah 6:10 (ESV)**

"Take from the exiles Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah, who have arrived from Babylon, and go the same day to the house of Josiah, the son of Zephaniah.

**Zechariah 6:11 (ESV)**

Take from them silver and gold, and make a crown, and set it on the head of Joshua, the son of Jehozadak, the high priest.

**Zechariah 6:12 (ESV)**

And say to him, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, "Behold, the man whose name is the Branch: for he shall branch out from his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord.

**Zechariah 6:13 (ESV)**

It is he who shall build the temple of the Lord and shall bear royal honor, and shall sit and rule on his throne. And there shall be a priest on his throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both."'

**Zechariah 6:15 (ESV)**

"And those who are far off shall come and help to build the temple of the Lord. And you shall know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you. And this shall come to pass, if you will diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God."