

Return, Rebuild, Restore
Study Guide
Zechariah 13

1. What holds us back from experiencing cleansing and refining? Discuss.
2. Read the following:
 - a. Zechariah 12:9-10 (Mourning)
 - b. Zechariah 12:11 (Weeping)
 - c. Zechariah 13:1 (Cleansing)

What sticks out to you? Discuss.

3. Why is humility such an integral piece of the cleansing and refining process?
4. Idolatry and false prophecy were two main ways Israel was led astray from God. What are some other things leading the modern church astray from God?
5. Read Zechariah 13:8-9. Refining comes after cleansing. Discuss why the refining process so difficult as believers?

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Zechariah 12:9-10 - “On that day...I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn...”

Zechariah 12:11 - “On that day the weeping in Jerusalem will be great...”

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b. “fountain...”

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Hebrews 9:13-14 - The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God.

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Ezekiel 47:8-10 - He said to me, “This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Jordan Valley, where it enters the Dead Sea. When it empties into the sea, the salty water there becomes fresh. ⁹Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live. ¹⁰Fishermen will stand along the shore; from En Gedi to En Eglaim there will be places for spreading nets. The fish will be of many kinds—like the fish of the Mediterranean Sea.

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II. Zechariah 13:2-6 - Cleansing from Idolatry & False Prophets

13:2-6 - ²“On that day, I will banish the names of the idols from the land, and they will be remembered no more,” declares the Lord Almighty. “I will remove both the prophets and the

spirit of impurity from the land. ³And if anyone still prophesies, their father and mother, to whom they were born, will say to them, ‘You must die, because you have told lies in the Lord’s name.’ Then their own parents will stab the one who prophesies.

⁴“On that day every prophet will be ashamed of their prophetic vision. They will not put on a prophet’s garment of hair in order to deceive. ⁵Each will say, ‘I am not a prophet. I am a farmer; the land has been my livelihood since my youth. ⁶If someone asks, ‘What are these wounds on your body?’ they will answer, ‘The wounds I was given at the house of my friends.’

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I will give over each of these slowly, so please have them come up one at a time.

- a. “...banish the names of the idols”
- b. “...remove both the prophets and the spirit of impurity..”
- c. “...You must die...”
- d. “They will not put on a prophets garment...”

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III. Zechariah 13:7-9 - The Shepherd Struck, the Sheep Scattered

“Awake, O Sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is close to me!” declares the Lord Almighty. “Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn my hand against the little ones. In the whole land,” declares the Lord, “two-thirds will be struck down and perish; yet one-third will be left in it. This third I will bring into the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, ‘They are my people,’ and they will say, ‘The Lord is our God.’

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Zechariah 13:7-9 - The Shepherd Struck, the Sheep Scattered

- a. “Against my shepherd...”
- b. “Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered...”
- c. “Two-thirds...” & “One-third...”
- d. “They are my people” & “The Lord is our God”

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