

Reading assignment for October 8-14; Zechariah 2-14; Malachi, Matthew 1-5

Memory: Zechariah 4:6 *"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord of hosts."*

CONSIDER

1. Zechariah 2:4-5 is a prophecy of the city of Jerusalem, but contains four important principles we can pray for our community and congregation.
 - A. *"Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls"*; pray for the Church to have increased influence in our community
 - B. *"Multitude of men in it"*; pray for Churches to grow
 - C. *"The Lord will be a wall of fire all around her"*; pray for God's protection on Christians facing attacks from Satan.
 - D. *"I will be the glory in her midst"*; pray for the glory of God's presence to be experienced in our Church services.

2. Zechariah 3:1-3 is a powerful illustration of every child of God. Satan tries to keep Christians ensnared in the shame of their past, even after God transforms us from the rags and filth of our past and clothes us with righteousness.
 - A. Pray for sinners to come to Christ and be set free from sin.
 - B. Pray for Christians to be freed from condemnation for sins already forgiven. Pray that they will forgive themselves as God has forgiven them.

3. What rebuke did God give in Malachi 3:8? What curse did God pronounce in Malachi 3:9? How can we remove ourselves from that curse (3:10), and what promise does God give in 3:10 to the person who chooses to put the instruction of 3:10 into action?

4. Read Matthew 1-5 with the perspective that God has a master plan for your life. He is not limited to your understanding, is greater than your personal resources and will accomplish in your life far greater than you can imagine.