



Breaking the Power of Problems

Zechariah 4:6



Not by might nor by power,
But by My Spirit,
Says the LORD of hosts.

Zechariah 4:6 (New King James Version)

Zechariah



Meaning of his Name

Zechariah
God Remembers

Zechariah



Prophet after the Exile

Contemporary with Haggai

Deals with Jerusalem 40+ times

Deals with Present & Future

Key Phrase “The Lord of Host”

Used 52 times in the Book

Haggai



Zechariah





Haggai

- Focus on outward task of Building Temple
- Present Work
- Short – Clear- Specific

Zechariah



- Focus on inward spiritual renewal as Building Temple
- Looking Ahead
- Long – Interpretative
- 8 Visions – 2 Burdens



Zechariah – Jesus Foretold



- God's Servant 3:8
- As Shepherd 9:16; 11:11
- Smitten Shepherd 13:7
- Into Jerusalem on a colt 9:9
- Betrayed for 30 pieces of silver 11:12-13
- Returning to Mount of Olives 14:3-8
- Coming to remove iniquity 3: 1-10
- Priest & King in one person 6:1-15
- Pierced one 12:10-11
- The Ruling King 14:1-21



Zechariah: Content

- 8 Visions **Chapters 1-8**
- Instruction on Fasting **Chapters 7-8**
- 2 Burdens about the Future **Chapters 9-14**



Zechariah: Content

- **Chapter 1** – Calls people back to Himself
- **Chapter 2** – Proclaims ownership of Jerusalem for His People
- **Chapter 3** – Rebukes Satan the accuser of God's people



Zechariah: Content

- Chapter 4 – Deals with Problems

Discouraged people attempting
to accomplish a difficult task.

They were ready to quit!



Zechariah - Chapter 4

- Chapter 4 – Deals with Problems

God Provides Power vs. 1-6

God Removes Obstacles vs. 7

God Finishes what He Starts vs. 9



Zachariah 4:1-2

God Provides Power

- ¹ Now the angel who talked with me came back and wakened me, as a man who is wakened out of his sleep.
- ² And he said to me, “What do you see?”



Zachariah 4:2-3

God Provides Power

So I said, “I am looking, and there *is* a lampstand of solid gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the *stand* seven lamps with seven pipes to the seven lamps.

³Two olive trees *are* by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left.”



Zachariah 4:4-5

God Provides Power

⁴ So I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying,
“What *are* these, my lord?”

⁵ Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, “Do you not know what these are?”
And I said, “No, my lord.”



Zachariah 4:6

God Provides Power

⁶ So he answered and 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.



Zachariah 4:7

God Removes Obstacles

⁷‘Who *are* you, O great mountain?
Before Zerubbabel *you shall become* a plain!



Zachariah 4:7-9

God Finishes what He Starts

And he shall bring forth the capstone
With shouts of “Grace, grace to it.

⁸ Moreover the word of the LORD came to me,
saying:

⁹ “The hands of Zerubbabel
Have laid the foundation of this temple;
His hands shall also finish *it*.
Then you will know
That the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you.



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Others used same idea though not the same words



*...but by My Spirit, says the LORD of hosts.
Joseph*

*"I cannot do it,"
Joseph replied to Pharaoh,
"but God will give Pharaoh the
answer he desires."*

Genesis 41:16



...but by My Spirit, says the LORD of hosts.
Jonathan

Jonathan said to his young armor-bearer,
"Come, let's go over to the outpost of
those uncircumcised men.

Perhaps the LORD will act in our behalf.

Nothing can hinder the LORD from
saving, whether by many or by few."

1 Samuel 14:6



...but by My Spirit, says the LORD of hosts.

David vs. Goliath

All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

1 Samuel 17:47



...but by My Spirit, says the LORD of hosts.
Hezekiah

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria and the vast army with him, for there is a greater power with us than with him...

2 Chronicles 32:7



...but by My Spirit, says the LORD of hosts.
Hezekiah

With him is only the arm of flesh, but with us is the LORD our God to help us and to fight our battles." And the people gained confidence from what Hezekiah the king of Judah said.

2 Chronicles 32:8



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Not by might nor by power,
But by my Spirit,
Says the LORD Almighty

Zechariah 4:6 (New International Version)



It is not by force nor by strength,
but by my Spirit,
says the
LORD of Heaven's Armies.

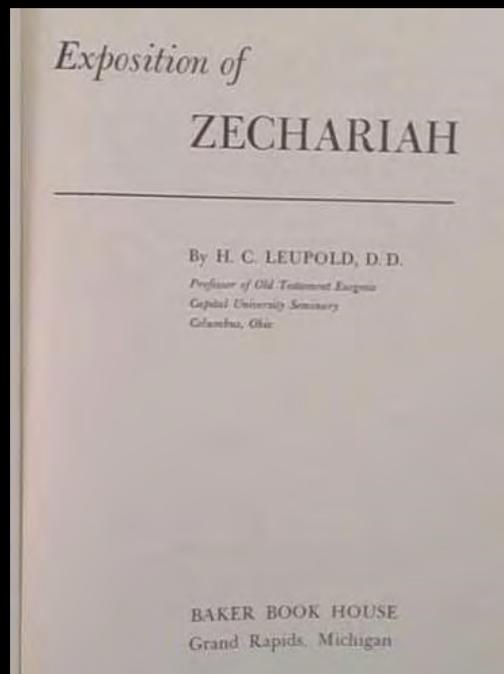
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A Motto

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*If success is to be gained
in the achievements
of the people of God ...*

***it will not be secured by what man can do
but by the Spirit's work."***



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1. What is a problem you face?
2. How do you actively place this verse into action with that problem?