

Zechariah 12:9-14

9 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

Zechariah 12:9-14 - continued

11 In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

12 And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart;

13 The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart;

14 All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

**THE PIERCED
PRINCE**

Introduction

A. The Gifts of Grace and Prayer Are For Believers

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

1. Grace = the unmerited favor with God

Ephesians 4:7

But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

2. Prayer = the privilege of communicating with God

Daniel 9:3

And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:

Introduction

B. The Regrets of Rejection Are For Unbelievers

Revelation 1:7

Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

- 1. Here are people who have spurned salvation**
- 2. They can only look back at regret over their rejection of Christ**

**Why All This Mourning
Over The Pierced One?**

I. These Mourners Realize Who They Have Rejected

A. They had spurned the gift of God's love

1. Christ had come as the Savior for sinners

John 19:37

And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

I. These Mourners Realize Who They Have Rejected

A. They had spurned the gift of God's love - continued

2. They had chosen rebellion instead of redemption

Romans 5:8-9

8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Isaiah 53:3

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

I. These Mourners Realize Who They Have Rejected

A. They had spurned the gift of God's love - continued

3. They had persecuted the Prince of Peace

Isaiah 9:6-7

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

II. These Mourners Remember Their Response

A. Christ had come to reconcile them to God

- 1. While they were guilty, He offered them grace**
- 2. While they deserved death, He had died for them**

1 Corinthians 15:3

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

II. These Mourners Remember Their Response

B. They pierced Him while He prayed for them

1. He had wept over their sins and sorrows

Luke 19:41

And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,

2. On the cross, he had prayed for their forgiveness

Luke 23:34

Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

How long have we resisted the pleading Prince?

III. These Mourners Repent of Their Rudeness

A. Tears are often part of repentance

2 Corinthians 7:10

For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

B. Conviction leads to confession of sin

Psalms 51:3

For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

III. These Mourners Repent of Their Rudeness

C. They face the pierced Prince and cry out for forgiveness

Isaiah 6:5, 7

5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.

7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

**DO NOT REJECT
CHRIST TODAY**