Blood of the Covenant

Ken Chapman · Zechariah 9:11–12

INTRODUCTION

- Have you ever been stuck? Or caught in some circumstance or difficulty where at first glance you didn't know the way out.
- But Jerry was the man to call that night because I was in deep.
- God was going to put them in a situation that they themselves could not get out of.

1 Because of the Blood of Your Covenant

Exodus 24:1–8; Hebrews 9:11–17; Jeremiah 31:31

- A covenant is an agreement between at least two parties that is to be binding upon both parties.
- And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on altars.
- Because we had a covenant. We had an agreement that was sealed with blood.
- We have a better mediator, that is Jesus. Jesus came to earth to speak to man on God's behalf, and now has ascended back to heaven to speak to God on our behalf.
- The blood was not the blood of bulls and goats, the Hebrew writer said, but of his own blood, he sealed that covenant.
- And that book is the new law, the testament, the new testament that we live under today.

2 I Will Set Free Your Prisoners From the Waterless Pit

Zechariah 9:11

- You throw somebody down in that well, that empty well, and unless somebody comes along with some rope or some rescue device, then there's no way of getting out.
- Israel had been thrown in this pit, a hole that they couldn't get out of. That was the captivity. But I'm going to set you free.
- God said, I'm bringing you back, I'm rescuing you from captivity, because I have a covenant with you that was sealed with blood.
- The New Testament speaks of our life in sin outside of Christ as a form of captivity. It's us being prisoners or slaves to sin.

3 Return to the Stronghold, You Prisoners of Hope

Zechariah 9:12; Romans 6

- There's a difference between being a prisoner and being a prisoner of hope.
- There was an end to the sentence. You'll serve this much time, and then you'll be free.
- Scripture would also say, and more emphatically and more often, that God was their refuge.
- Go back to God. Who is your refuge, your fortress, and your stronghold.

- I remember what it was like to have that burden and that weight on me. And so now that I've been freed, I'm not going down that path.

4 I Will Render Double to You

Revelation 18:6

- Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her work.
- Double in this context means there was this much, there'll be that same amount.
- I've punished you. You've been in that waterless pit of captivity. But now I'm going to match that with blessings.
- Your freedom is going to be as beautiful as your captivity was ugly.
- God has thrown us the lifeline and has promised to rescue us and to give us blessings in place of our tribulation.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Would you return to that stronghold this morning? You're a prisoner of sin, but you're a prisoner of hope.**

MY NOTES