

## God's Strength Working in Man's Weakness (Zechariah 4)

### I. God Brings Zechariah a Confusing Vision (1-5)

#### A. A Messenger Brings Zechariah a Vision (1)

#### B. The Vision of Zechariah (2-3)

1. A Menorah being fed oil from a bowl and seven spouts (2)

2. Two olive trees feeding oil into the bowl (3, c.f. v. 12)

#### C. Zechariah Does Not Understand the Vision (4-5)

*Application: God brings His Word to man but man cannot  
Comprehend spiritual things without the  
Illumination of the Spirit of God. God Himself  
Enlightens the believer to understand his message  
And His will.*

### II. God Works Perfectly Through His People (6-14)

#### A. God Works Greatly in what Seems Insignificant (6-10)

##### 1. God Himself Brings Victory in His Will (6-9)

###### i. God's Spirit Alone Brings His Will to Pass (6)

- Not by man's might or power

- By God's Spirit says Lord of Hosts (armies)

###### ii. God will Defeat Zerubbabel's Obstacles (7a)

*Zerubbabel was the leader of God's people  
As they returned from exile. He was tasked  
With rebuilding the city and God's house  
He was tasked with returning the glory  
Of Jerusalem (see Haggai, Ezra, Neh.)*

- Mountains will become plains

- No obstacle can stop God's will

- We make much of our obstacles

- It seemed like Zerubbabel could never succeed

- The task was too great

- The opposition was too much

- Even the people themselves doubted

###### iii. God will Succeed Through Zerubbabel's Work (7b-9)

- God has said that His Spirit will accomplish it

- Yet Zerubbabel will still work

*God's people depend on God for their power  
And victory, but this does not lead them to  
Inaction. It leads them to action. They work  
Because God is working. (see Phil. 2:12-13)*

- "he will bring forth the top stone with shouts of  
grace, grace..."

*Here we see a vision of the completion of the  
Temple. The final stone is put in place and the  
People rejoice in the grace of God. This shows  
That Zerubbabel will succeed in God's task.*

- Zerubbabel laid the foundation and he will complete

what God has Him to do.

2. God Himself Sees and Honor's Faithfulness in "small things" (10)

i. Man despises the day of small things

- Sometimes our day in day out work seems small
- It seems that our "small" work doesn't account for much

ii. God sees and honors faithfulness in "small things"

- the seven eyes of God (perfect vision) rejoice when they see the work of Zerubbabel
- God does not despise the small things

B. God's Spirit Moves in His People's Work (11-14)

1. The Olive Trees Fed Oil to the Lamp (11-12)

i. The golden oil (symbolizing the Holy Spirit) empties from the olive trees into the bowl

- they feed oil to the lamp as it burns
- they keep it burning

2. The Olive Trees Are the Anointed Offices (13-14)

i. They are the two anointed ones (14)

- Zerubbabel the "king" or ruler
- Joshua the high priest

ii. The offices of king and priest do the work of God among God's People

*- Believers are a kingdom of priests. They fulfill the role of king and priest. They are ambassadors of the King, "a royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:9). It is in this work that God himself moves among His people. To bring the gospel, to bring comfort and conviction, to edify his people.*

*In the smallest of tasks God moves the largest of Mountains.*