

An Open Fountain; Zechariah 12:10-13:1

I. Poured Out

A. Zechariah 12:10a; “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy,

1. 2 Samuel 20:10; But Amasa did not observe the sword that was in Joab’s hand. So Joab struck him with it in the stomach and spilled his entrails to the ground without striking a second blow, and he died. Then Joab and Abishai his brother pursued Sheba the son of Bichri.
2. Matthew 26:28; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.
3. This is not just something simple like pouring water into the sink, this is deeply personal, involving sacrifice and pain
4. And it is for us!

B. The House of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem

1. Acts 2:17–18; 17 “ ‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; 18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.
2. While the tribe of Judah, the house of David, and the city of Jerusalem is where it started, it went far beyond that
3. Acts 2:39–40; 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” 40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.”
4. I get the idea of an opening up of God, like wound, and God pouring out of Himself His Spirit

C. Spirit of grace and supplication

1. “I will pour forth my bowels of mercy,” or, “I will open my whole heart to show mercy to this people,” John Calvin
2. I think Mr. Calvin just touches on what God has done, and Zechariah may not completely understand the fulfillment of this on the day of Pentecost
3. The mercy that God showed us on that day extended to the gift of His Spirit, it was poured out for us to partake of, made available by the Sacrifice of Jesus

II. Pierced

A. Zechariah 12:10b; so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced,

1. Isaiah 11:1; There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
2. Isaiah 53:2; For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.
3. Jeremiah 23:5; “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
4. Zechariah 3:8–9; 8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who sit before you, for they are men who are a sign: behold, I will bring my servant the Branch. 9 For behold, on the stone that I have set before Joshua, on a single stone

with seven eyes, I will engrave its inscription, declares the Lord of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of this land in a single day.

- B. Here is the beginning of the main point of this passage, to look on the one who was pierced
- C. There is no doubt who that is... Jesus
- D. We look at Him and mourn for the sacrifice He had to make for us

III. Mourn

- A. Zechariah 12:10c-11; they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn. ¹¹ On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.
- B. Who or what is Hadad Rimmon?
 - 1. It is thought that this is RimmonHadad, a Syrian God
 - 2. It is also thought that this is two different events, one being the death of Ahab (1 Kings 22:35-36) and the death of Josiah
 - a) After reading the account of Ahab's death over and over, I cannot make the connection to Hadad Rimmon
 - b) He wasn't in the plains of Megiddo, I have to discount this idea
 - 3. The death of Josiah is recorded in 2 Chronicles
 - a) 2 Chronicles 35:21–25; 21 But he sent envoys to him, saying, "What have we to do with each other, king of Judah? I am not coming against you this day, but against the house with which I am at war. And God has commanded me to hurry. Cease opposing God, who is with me, lest he destroy you." 22 Nevertheless, Josiah did not turn away from him, but disguised himself in order to fight with him. He did not listen to the words of Neco from the mouth of God, but came to fight in the plain of Megiddo. 23 And the archers shot King Josiah. And the king said to his servants, "Take me away, for I am badly wounded." 24 So his servants took him out of the chariot and carried him in his second chariot and brought him to Jerusalem. And he died and was buried in the tombs of his fathers. All Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah. 25 Jeremiah also uttered a lament for Josiah; and all the singing men and singing women have spoken of Josiah in their laments to this day. They made these a rule in Israel; behold, they are written in the Laments.
 - b) Some scholars think that Hadad Rimmon is a city where Josiah was killed
 - c) This fits better since we see the mourning of all Jerusalem and even Jeremiah and others.
 - 4. What does this mourning look like?
 - a) "My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?"
 - b) I picture our memorial to His crucifixion
 - c) 1 Corinthians 11:23–26; 23 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
 - 5. His sacrifice opened the way for redemption
 - 6. The fountain started flowing at His death

IV. A Fountain

- A. Zechariah 13:1; “On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.
- B. Jesus “poured out,” “poured forth,” “shed,” “spilled” his blood for our forgiveness
 - 1. Matthew 26:27–28; 27 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, 28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.
 - 2. Ephesians 1:7; In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,
 - 3. Hebrews 9:22b; and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.
- V. An Open Fountain
 - A. God poured out His Spirit for us to have
 - B. Jesus poured out his blood to cleanse us
 - C. Have you been to the fountain?