

"A Problem We Can't Solve" Zechariah 3:1-10 ◆ Pastor Jim Lennon September 3, 2023

Introduction –God gives Zechariah a prophetic vision of Joshua the High Priest who is in the Holy of Holies on Yom Kippur.

I. Zechariah the Prophet.

- A. Zechariah was part of the second group to return to Jerusalem after their Babylonian captivity.
- B. The second group included Zechariah the prophet, Zerubbabel the governor, and Joshua the High Priest.
- C. They are returning to start rebuilding the temple.

D. To help them get on the right track, God gives Zechariah 8 visions. We'll look at the fourth.

II. Joshua the High Priest.

- A. In the fourth vision Joshua is standing in the Holy of Holies on the Day of Atonement.
- B. The Holy of Holies was a dangerous place to be.
- C. The High Priest made extensive preparations for the Day of Atonement.

- D. Zexhariah is shocked when he <u>sees</u> Joshua, who is defiled.
- E. What did this vision mean?
- F. Zexhariah is shocked by what he <u>hears</u> next.

III. The LORD's Servant the Branch.

- A. God will deal with sin "in a single day."
- B. Another Joshua.
- C. Joshua prepares.

Conclusion.