

“Is There Anything too Marvelous for the Lord to Do?” – Part 2
Zechariah 8:18-23
A Call to Faith

A promise of marvelous future blessings!

1. Fasting Turned into Feasting! vv. 18-19

(1) Fulfillment

*“The fast of the fourth month and...the fifth
and...the seventh and...the tenth shall be
to the house of Judah seasons of joy
and gladness and cheerful feasts.”*

-1- Near-term fulfillment cf. 7:3

- An *unexpected* answer to the question about fasting! (cf. 7:3)
- Look to the future!

-2- Fulfillment at the coming of Christ cf. Lk. 5:34 “Why don’t your disciples fast?”

-3- Ultimate Fulfillment Rev. 21:3-4

(2) The Proper Response to the Promise *“Therefore, love truth and peace”*

- A Call to faith and obedience

2. Blessing across the Whole Earth!

vv. 20-23

(1) A work across the whole earth, affecting all the nations!

“Peoples shall yet come” v. 22 indicates Gentile nations
“the inhabitants of many cities”
“many peoples and strong nations”
“men from the nations of every tongue” cf. Rev. 5:9; 7:9

How a Jew would understand the scene described here?
But what is its NT fulfillment?

(2) An inward work of the Spirit! *“Peoples shall yet come...to another saying,
‘Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the LORD
and to seek the LORD of hosts; I myself am going!’”*

- Peoples coming in faith:

- “Peoples shall yet come”
- cf. Jn. 6:32; 12:37

- Urgency! “Let us go at once!”

- Saving faith and its fruits described:

- “to entreat the favor of the LORD” = Trusting in the mercy of God in Christ!
- “to seek the LORD of hosts” = Seeking the true knowledge of God

(3) Widespread missionary activity! *“the inhabitants of one city shall go to another”*

(4) Men attracted, powerfully drawn by the witness of God’s people.

- Men gripped by conviction of sin! *“In those days ten men from the nations of every tongue
shall take hold of the robe of a Jew, saying,
‘Let us go with you, for we have heard
that God is with you.’”*

- Christians are the “true Jews!”

- Witness in word and in life

Further Application: