

Text: Zechariah 6:9-15

Title: Who can wear the crown?

Thesis: Zechariah 6:9-15 is a picture pointing to the person and work of Christ, who as the great priest/king would build the true Temple of God out of converted gentiles and obedient Jews.

Introduction: The sword in the stone

- I. The sign: the crowning of Joshua
 - A. Explanation of vs. 9-11
 - B. Is Joshua the one who can wear the crown?
 - C. A Priest cannot wear the crown. v.11
- II. The Oracle (vv.12-13)
 - A. The “Branch” will arise and build the temple.
 - B. The “Branch” = son of David.
 - C. Zerubbabel is a son of David and will build the physical temple. (cf.Zech 4:9-10)
 - D. Zerubbabel cannot wear the crown because he is not a priest.
- III. Who can wear the crown? (v.14)
 - A. The crown was hung in the temple awaiting the one who is worthy to wear it.
 - B. Humanly speaking, it is impossible.
 - C. No Levite can be a king.
 - D. No son of David can be a priest.
 - E. No human can build a non-physical temple.
- IV. Jesus has come and claimed the crown.
 - A. Jesus is a son of David.
 - B. Jesus was made a priest in the order of Melchizedek (A priesthood conferred by oath, not by physical descent.)
 - C. Jesus, by his death and resurrection brought peace between the two offices, being a sacrifice for sin and the one who would judge and conquer sin.
 - D. Jesus is building the true temple of God out of converted gentiles and obedient Jews.
- V. Application: Obey the voice of the Lord (v.15)
 - A. If you would experience the peace that this priest king brings you must obey the word of the Lord.
 - B. Christ must be acknowledged as both your priest and your king or He is neither.

Conclusion: Zechariah 6:9-15 is a picture pointing to the person and work of Christ, who as the great priest/king is building the true Temple of God out of converted gentiles and obedient Jews. Jesus is the true priest king who reigns from the right hand of God, take comfort in His priestly intercession for you and fall at His feet and worship your King, offering him your life, your soul, your all.