

ZECHARIAH
God's Words and Man's Ears
Zechariah 7:8-14

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1. God's Word makes it clear that true dedication to the Lord is a matter of heart worship as well as godly

- a. The Word of God calls believers to be people whose actions toward others reflect true biblical

"True biblical justice is rendering impartially and proportionally to everyone his due in accord with the righteous standard of God's moral law." - Cal Beisner

- b. The Word of God calls believers to be people who are _____ and compassionate toward others.

- c. The Word of God calls believers not to take advantage of people who are especially _____.

"In the Hebrew Bible the alien was a person who entered Israel and followed legal procedures to obtain recognized standing as a resident alien." - James Hoffmeier

2. It is a serious sin to refuse to _____ and respond to the Word of God.

- a. Man must not _____ and stubbornly turn their back on the Word of God.

- b. Man must not harden his _____ against the Spirit inspired Word of God that He spoke through holy men.

3. Unbelief and persistent disobedience to the Word of God is deserving of the _____ of God.

- a. In the same way that men refuse to hear and respond to God's Word, the Lord has _____ to hear and respond to their prayers.

- b. The Lord has displayed His wrath toward unbelievers in the past as a merciful _____ to people in the present.

"This is the message: Let us _____ sin. Sin destroys us, consumes our years, corrupts our hearts, and if not atoned for by the blood of Christ, it condemns our souls. Let us hate sin because of its consequences, yes; but even more, let us hate sin because it is evil, because it is hateful to God, because His wrath abides on sin, and because sin is opposed to the will of our loving Lord." - Richard Phillips