



Sunday Worship 6-12-22

Sermon Series: FIRE—7

Today's Scripture Text:

Zechariah 1:1-6

1 In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, 2 "The Lord has been very angry with your fathers. 3 Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Return to Me," says the Lord of hosts, "and I will return to you," says the Lord of hosts. 4 "Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets preached, saying, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Turn now from your evil ways and your evil deeds."' ' But they did not hear nor heed Me," says the Lord. 5 "Your fathers, where are they? And the prophets, do they live forever? 6 Yet surely My words and My statutes, Which I commanded My servants the prophets, Did they not overtake your fathers? "So they returned and said: 'Just as the Lord of hosts determined to do to us, According to our ways and according to our deeds, So He has dealt with us.' " " "

Zechariah 2:5

For I,' says the Lord, 'will be a wall of fire all around her [Jerusalem], and I will be the glory in her midst.' "

Main Point:

Your future blessings and opportunities are contingent on today's obedience to God!

THE REALITY OF THE ISRAELITES NOT OBEYING GOD:

1. They _____ at what it would _____ them.

a. Zechariah 1:3 Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Return to Me," says the Lord of hosts, "and I will return to you," says the Lord of hosts.

b. Haggai 1:3-4 Then the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying, 4 "Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins?"

THE REALITY OF THE ISRAELITES NOT OBEYING GOD:

2. They had become _____ to the _____ existence.

a. Zechariah 1:4 "Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets preached, saying, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Turn now from your evil ways and your evil deeds." ' But they did not hear nor heed Me," says the Lord.

THE REALITY OF THE ISRAELITES NOT OBEYING GOD:

3. They _____ God's will which resulted in _____ to God.

a. Zechariah 1:5-6 "Your fathers, where are they? And the prophets, do they live forever? 6 Yet surely My words and My statutes, Which I commanded My servants the prophets, Did they not overtake your fathers? "So they returned and said: 'Just as the Lord of hosts determined to do to us, According to our ways and according to our deeds, So He has dealt with us.' " " "

b. Haggai 1:5-7 Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. 6 You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it." 7 This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. 8 Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored," says the Lord.

THE REALITY OF OUR OBEDIENCE TO GOD:

1. _____ our _____ for Him.

a. 1 John 5:2-3 We know we love God's children if we love God and obey his commandments. 3 Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome.

THE REALITY OF OUR OBEDIENCE TO GOD:

2. _____ our _____ to Him.

a. 1 John 2:3-6 And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. 4 If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. 5 But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. 6 Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

THE REALITY OF OUR OBEDIENCE TO GOD:

3. _____ Him in this _____.

a. 1 Peter 2:12 Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.

b. Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

THE REALITY OF OUR OBEDIENCE TO GOD:

4. _____ of blessings and opportunities for us.

a. John 13:17 (Jesus) Now that you know these things (His teachings), God will bless you for doing them.

b. Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

c. Zechariah 2:5 For I,' says the Lord, 'will be a wall of fire all around her, and I will be the glory in her midst.' "

Conclusion:

We live in one of two realities: Obedience to God or disobedience to God.
What you do today affects what you will experience tomorrow!

Reflection:

Which is your reality?