

Sermon Discussion Guide

Zechariah 10:1–5

Opening Prayer

Guided Prayer: Praise God as the Shepherd who cares for His flock and provides all that we need in Christ. Thank Him for Jesus, the Cornerstone and Battle Bow, who strengthens His people and leads them in truth. Ask the Spirit to help you trust Him alone for provision, guidance, and salvation.

Recap

Zechariah 10:1–5 continues God’s encouragement to His people by calling them to pray for the rain they need and to reject the empty promises of false religion. Rather than turning to idols or diviners, God’s people are to seek Him, the true source of provision. He condemns false shepherds and promises to care for His flock Himself. From Judah will come a ruler—described as the cornerstone, the tent peg, and the battle bow—ultimately fulfilled in Christ. In Him, God’s people will be strengthened to stand and serve with confidence and courage.

Understanding the Text

1. What specific need is addressed in verse 1, and how does Zechariah direct the people to respond?
2. What were the people tempted to trust in verse 2, and why does Zechariah expose it as false?
3. How does God describe the condition of the people at the end of verse 2? Why is this important?
4. Who are the false shepherds in verse 3, and how does God respond to them?
5. Verse 4 presents a series of messianic images. What do ‘cornerstone,’ ‘tent peg,’ and ‘battle bow’ suggest about Christ’s role?
6. According to verse 5, what kind of transformation happens to God’s people, and what is the reason for their strength?

Personal Reflection & Application

1. Where in your life are you tempted to rely on human solutions rather than seeking the Lord in prayer?
2. Are there ways in which you've bought into empty spiritual comforts or distractions? What does repentance look like in those areas?
3. How does it encourage you to know that Christ is both your cornerstone and your battle bow?
4. God promises strength and victory to His people. Where do you need to step forward in courage, trusting that He is with you?

Going Deeper in the Word

True Religion and Dependence on God

- Matthew 6:11
- James 4:2
- Philippians 4:6–7

Christ as Cornerstone and Shepherd

- Isaiah 28:16
- Ephesians 2:19–22
- John 10:11–15

Victory through God's Strength

- Romans 8:31–39
- Psalm 20:7
- Zechariah 4:6