

Restoring God's People

Zechariah 10.1-12

“I will restore them” v6

1. Restoration begins, vs 1-3
when God's people rediscover
Prayer as their greatest Priority

The Spirit blows where he will Jn 3.8
but God moves in response to his
people's prayers: ask the Lord v1

➤ ***restoration begins with prayer***
2 Chron 7.13-14; James 4.2
we need a fresh outpouring
of God's Holy Spirit 4.6

➤ ***the perils of not praying v2***
the alternatives
lucky charms
fortune tellers
dreams, mediums

the consequences
aimless wandering
entrapment

- ***the punishment of false leaders v3***
bullying billy-goats

2. Restoration happens, vs 3-7
when Christ takes
Control of his people

Jesus comes as the Good Shepherd
vs 3-4

- ***what he means to his people, v4***
cornerstone – direction
tent peg – stability
battle bow – victory
authority – over all
- ***what he does for his people, v6***
strengthens, saves, restores
because of his compassion
Psalm 103.13-14

- **what he makes us as his people, v6**
battle hardened warhorses v3
instead of wandering sheep v2
determined infantry
putting cavalry to flight v5
John 15.5,7
contagious joy v7
for all generations

3. Restoration's Results are Beyond our Wildest Dreams, vs 8-12

- **a great international ingathering**
2.4,11; 6.12,15; 8.7,20-23; 9.10
God whistles for people to come
back to him v8; John 10.3-4,16
God redeems his people v8; Jn 12.32
God reaches out to his people v9-11
no barriers to their return
- **a great embracing of God's ways v12**
we will walk in his name Mic 4.2,5