

Is anything too hard for God?

Zechariah 8.1-23

1. God's Vision for his People, vs 1-8

- **God is passionate about us! v2**
1.14; 2 Cor 11.2
- **God longs to live with us v3; 2.10**
 - **symbolically in tabernacle, temple**
Exodus 25.8; 1 Kings 8.13
 - **physically in Jesus 2.11; John 1.14**
 - **personally, corporately by Spirit**
1 Cor 3.16; 6.19
 - **permanently for all of eternity**
Rev 21.3
- **God looks for truth, holiness v3**
 - **so we are like him Ps 31.5; 51.6;**
Eph 4.25; 1 Pet 1.15-16
- **God grants peace and prosperity -**
to young and old alike v4-5; Is 65.19f
- **Is this too good to be true? No! v6**

nothing is too hard for God!

Eph 3.20; Gen 18.14;

Jer 32.27; Lk 1.37

- ***a global ingathering vs7-8
of people for God Gen 12.3; Gal 3.16***

2. God's Call to his People, vs 9-17

great grace brings

great responsibilities

- ***be strong; build God's temple v9***
- ***remember how bad
things used to be v10
no wages Hag 1.6
no security Ezra 4.1-5
no cohesion Gal 5.20***
- ***consider how good
things are going to be v11-15
fruitfulness from farm work v12
a source of blessing to others v13
our fortunes are in God's hands v14f***
- ***be truthful;***

build better relationships vs 16-17

speaking the truth

practising the truth

don't plot evil 7.10

don't be false 5.3-4

3. God's Promises to his People,

vs18-23

➤ **fasts will be turned into feasts**

joy in place of sorrow vs18-19

the condition: love truth, peace

➤ **God's people become attractive**

again vs20-23

people will come in spontaneously

people will go out enthusiastically

an urgent hunger for God

the secret: God truly is with you!

1 Cor 14.23-25; Phil 4.8-9

people will latch onto us

- to go with us Ex 4.4; 1 Sam 17.35