

"THE FILTHY GARMENTS"**Introduction**

1. God uses different methods to teach us
2. Zechariah has here several visions
3. It touches on the world's greatest problem

1. MANKIND'S WRETCHED STATE

- 1) The problem of sin symbolized
- 2) The gravity of this problem
- 3) The way Satan takes advantage
- 4) How this relates to experience:
 - (i) fear of coming to God
 - (ii) fear of coming to an Assured state
 - (iii) fear of being a hypocrite

APPLICATION:**2. GOD'S GRACIOUS SOLUTION**

- 1) The filthy garments removed:
 - (i) sin as guilt
 - (ii) sin as defilement:
- 2) God's rebuke of Satan
- 3) 'Plucked from the fire.' Explain.
- 4) Our "change of raiment"
- 5) This is the great gospel-secret
 - (i) imputation

- (ii) counter-imputation

APPLICATION: See how it removes from men all grounds of glorying

3. THE BLESSINGS WHICH GRACE CONFESS

- 1) The first is a full and total pardon.
- 2) Then, God's assuring voice of love
- 3) The garment of righteousness
- 4) The "fair mitre"
- 5) Our union with Christ expressed:
 - (i) "my servant the BRANCH"
 - (ii) the "stone"
- 6) The picture of love and peace.

CONCLUSION

O what Christ does for us!
All scripture expresses it!

PSALM

2: 1 – 8

51: 9 – 15

112: 4 – 8