

# Irrefutable Truths About God From Zechariah

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**Introduction:** Pilate asked the question "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all. (**John 18:38**) While he asked the right question the way he responded seems to imply his disregard for "truth." In our study of the Minor Prophets, I see the fact their message was not new but applications of "truth." In our day and age we need to be aware of truth and how it impacts our lives.

## I) Irrefutable Truths

### A) Irrefutable - impossible to deny or disprove.

1. Some things are not irrefutable- which ice cream is the best, the best movie, best athlete of all time, etc.
2. **A close-up video of you stealing an item and discussing the theft** is an example of evidence that might be considered irrefutable.
  - a. Garbage in, garbage out is an irrefutable truth.
  - b. No one makes it out of this world alive unless Jesus comes back first.

### B) Truth – the quality or state of being true.

1. The closest distance between two points is a straight line.
2. The laws of science are affirmed of always being true.
  - a. Gravity has always existed and explains a lot about our world.
  - b. Material things wear out, etc.

## II) Irrefutable Truths When It Comes to God

### A) He has revealed His will to mankind

**Zec 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.

**Zec 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.

1. Does this by revelation- Zechariah is a good example.
2. Eighty-eight times in Zechariah this phrase is used.
3. Through out the Old and New Testament we have God revealing Himself to mankind.
4. Therefore, a problem man has is not revelation but paying attention, listening to God.

**Mt 13:43** "Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

**Mt 17:5** While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

5. The Gospel of Christ is God's revelation to mankind today. No other Gospel, **Galatians 1.6-8.**

## **B) God wants His people to be exclusively His**

**Zechariah 8:2** "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'I am zealous for Zion with great zeal; With great fervor I am zealous for her.'

1. He is not willing to share His people with idols.

**Exodus 20:2** "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. **3** "You shall have no other gods before Me. **4** "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that

*is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,*

2. One of the problems man has is having too many gods. In the Old Testament this is spoken of as committing spiritual adultery.
3. In the New Testament the problem seen at Corinth with their temples and feast.

**1 Corinthians 10:20** *Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons. 21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons.*

4. We have to keep that in mind because it is easy to get involved in our own form of idolatry- covetousness (**Colossians 3.5**), or self-elevation and glorification, self-indulgence.
5. We may not have temples of idols but we can still have our idols. God is not willing to share His people with idols, the world, or any other master.

### **C) He cares for those in need**

**Zechariah 8:4** *"Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, Each one with his staff in his hand Because of great age. 5 The streets of the city Shall be full of boys and girls Playing in its streets.'*

1. People can go from one extreme to another on this issue- religion is all "God" and no application to how we treat others or all about treating others and leave God out.
2. Law of Moses God made allowances for the orphans and

widows.

**Deuteronomy 24:21** "When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not glean it afterward; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow. **22** "And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I command you to do this thing.

3. One of the charges against the returning remnant was exploiting the those people.

**Malachi 3:5** *And I will come near you for judgment; I will be a swift witness Against sorcerers, Against adulterers, Against perjurers, Against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans, And against those who turn away an alien-Because they do not fear Me," Says the LORD of hosts.*

4. In New Testament we have the same spoken of.

**Matthew 25:34** "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: **35** 'for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; **36** 'I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' **37** "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? **38** 'When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? **39** 'Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' **40** "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

**James 1:27** *Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.*

5. Christians should be concerned with their brothers and sisters in Christ and those in the world.

**D) God is all powerful (Omnipotent)**

***Zechariah 8:6*** "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'If it is marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, Will it also be marvelous in My eyes?' Says the LORD of hosts.

1. God made the world in six days, ***Genesis 1.***
2. The Ten Plagues on Egypt- water into blood, darkness, hail storm, frogs, death of the first born; were all to answer Pharaoh's question, ***And Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, nor will I let Israel go." Exodus 5:2***
3. All of the miracles in the Bible show the power of God.
4. This linked together when it comes to our salvation.

***Romans 1:16*** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

5. Satan's power of death cannot compare to God's power of life – creating mankind, saving mankind.

**E) He is a God who makes a Covenant with His people and He keeps His Covenant**

***Zechariah 8:8*** I will bring them back, And they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. They shall be My people And I will be their God, In truth and righteousness.'

1. His Covenant with Abraham – land of Canaan, a great nation, and seed promise.

***1 Kings 8:22*** Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven; ***23*** and he said: "LORD God of Israel, there is no God in heaven above or on earth

***below like You, who keep Your covenant and mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their hearts.***

2. God promised to bring back a remnant from captivity and did so 70 years later.
3. At the birth of Jesus this point is brought up. Jesus was fulfillment of God's Covenant with Abraham and Israel.

***Galatians 3:16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.***

4. It is through Jesus we are redeemed and saved.

#### **Conclusion:**

God wants everyone to be saved. ***Whoever calls on the name of the Lord, shall be saved, Acts 2.21, Preach the Gospel to every creature, Mark 16.15; Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.*** All can be saved if all will listen and obey the Gospel of Christ.