

# Before the THRONE

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Zechariah 8:13

“Now, I will rescue you and make you both a symbol and source of blessing.” Zechariah 8:13 NLT

Redemption, though intensely personal and necessarily so, is also about our becoming a “symbol and source” of that redemption for others! Having been rescued from our sin and iniquity by the work of Jesus, we now are positioned by the Spirit to be symbols or representatives of “so great a salvation.” The change in our lives – “you has He made alive who were dead in trespasses and sin” – speaks clearly to those who are hungry for the things of God. (Ephesians 2:1).

“And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.” (2 Corinthians 5:18 – 20).

Not only then are we to be symbols of this salvation God has so graciously offered to mankind, but we are to be sources of that blessing as well. Not that we have such power innately within ourselves – “I can of my own self do nothing” – but because of His indwelling presence – “I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me!” (Deuteronomy 8: 18; John 5:30; Philippians 4:13). Through Christ I can live a life others desire for their own lives. Through Christ I can witness to others of God’s great love for them. Through Christ I can face adversity and triumph – all the while others are watching!

To jog our memory, the word “peace” in the Old Testament and the word “salvation” in the New Testament are the great inclusive words of the redemption procured in Christ. Their meaning respectively is – “nothing missing, nothing broken” and “wholeness, healing, deliverance, provision, safety”! We are the containers of God’s presence, God’s glory, and God’s power! And thus we are well able to be both symbols and sources of His Majesty!

What sort of symbol and source of blessing have you become? What do you think; could it be time to pray...?

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