

***The Lord Remembers***  
**Prophetic Pictures, Part 3**  
**Zechariah 4-5**

“Every promise of Scripture is a writing of God, which may be pleaded before Him with this reasonable request, ‘Do as Thou hast said.’ The Heavenly Father will not break His Word to His own child.”

Charles Spurgeon

I. The Spirit’s Power

## II. The Scroll's Curse

## III. The Sin Removed

## Into the Bible

1. The vision of chapter 4 highlights the fact that God's people are empowered for service by God's Spirit. Sadly, we often try to do things, even God-honoring things, in our own strength. Why do you think it's a constant temptation do use our own resources to accomplish God's work? What's the danger in doing that? What are some signs that you are working in your own strength rather than God's strength?

2. The work that Zerubbabel and Joshua were given would have been impossible to accomplish in their own strength. In fact, the task likely seemed overwhelming at times. How does knowing that God strengthens his people for obedience practically change how we approach difficult situations? Is there an area in your life that you have avoided obedience because it just seemed too difficult? Is there a way that the group can be praying for you as you seek to pursue God's calling in the confidence of his provision?

3. One of the things that Zechariah wrote was that when the people saw the completed temple, they would know that the Lord had spoken truthfully through his prophet. Accomplishing the work would prove the faithfulness of God and the validity of his messenger. Are there times in your life that you can look back on and clearly see God's faithfulness demonstrated to you? Would you share with the group a time of God's provision or faithfulness? We are a people who are often quick to forget, and it's a great habit to remind each other of the perfect faithfulness of God in our lives.

4. Thanksgiving is a time of reflection and remembering what God has done. Often, we are quick to thank God for those things that we perceive as blessings. What we struggle with at times is the ability to be joyful and even thankful in the middle of trials. Why can a Christian be thankful for the difficulties and heartaches that we encounter? What do we know about God that makes trials not only bearable, but things that we are able to rejoice in? Is there an area in your life where you need this reminder? Is there a recent example of God's faithfulness in a trial that you can share with the group to encourage them toward thanksgiving?

## **For Families**

5. Talk with your children about what it means to be thankful. Talk with them about why God's people are always able to be thankful, even when hard or hurtful things happen.