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**ZECHARIAH 7:8-10**

## THE TRUE JUDGMENT

Judgment is an opinion formed after carefully studying something. People have the tendency to judge someone or something around them too quickly. For example, you have a classmate who keeps sulking and doesn't talk much in school. You might be judging him of being rude and unfriendly. Well, the truth might be that he has a problem at home and does not want anybody at school to know about it.

We only judge a person or a situation based on what we see with our eyes. There are actually things and some other conditions that we do not see with our eyes and they might be the real reason of what we see. Usually when we judge, we do it rather unfairly.

Through Zechariah, God is reminding you and me about how to apply a true judgment. Making a true judgment is to show kindness, mercy and compassion to others, not to oppress people who are already oppressed by their circumstance, and not to think badly against others

### **Key verse:**

*Zechariah 7:9  
Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another.*

### **Prayer**

*Dear God, forgive me when I judge others unfairly. Help me to have mercy and compassion upon others. Amen.*





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**ZECHARIAH 9:9-10**

## THE KING OF KINGS

Normally, the animal that a king would choose to enter a city would be the largest, the healthiest and the mightiest steed he could find! However, God gave a vision to Zechariah that the King of kings would be coming to meet His people by riding on a donkey. It is such a humble entrance, isn't it?

In the ancient Middle Eastern culture, a leader would ride on a horse when he was going for a battle. However, when he rode on a donkey, it meant he came in peace. This is how the King of kings came. He came in peace and he brought peace to earth and into our hearts.

As God told His people to rejoice, let's be joyful as well. Our King of kings, whom we call Jesus, came to earth to bring peace and joy. Therefore, we should not let anything take away our precious peace.

Let's rejoice because Jesus has replaced our sadness with His eternal peace.

Let's rejoice because the King of kings has humbled Himself to come and has chosen us to be His precious children.

### **Key verse:**

*Zechariah 9:9b  
See, your King  
comes to you,  
righteous and  
victorious, lowly  
and riding on  
a donkey, on a  
colt, the foal of a  
donkey.*

### **Prayer**

*Dear God, You  
are the King that  
guards my heart  
and the one who  
fills my heart with  
peace. I praise  
You! Amen.*





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**ZECHARIAH 11:4-17**

## YOU ARE PRICELESS

There are prices for goods and services. There is a price to pay when you wish to buy an ice cream. There are also prices to pay when you eat in the restaurant; you have to pay for the food as well as the service charge.

Israel had been led by poor shepherds who did not do a good job in looking after them. God punished those leaders. Then, God told Zechariah to show the Israelites how a good shepherd was supposed to be. However, the people resented him and they preferred being led by the bad shepherds. They rejected Zechariah and insulted him by giving him a very little amount of wage.

Sometimes, there are some people who might undervalue and underestimate you. They might look down on and reject you. Do not be sad nor be discouraged. Your value is not what others say or think about you. You might also feel or think that you are worthless. Your value is not what you say or think about yourself either. Your value is purely what God says about you.

God thinks that you are worth dying for and He did die on the cross for you. It is because You are priceless. You are precious.

### Key verse:

*Isaiah 43:4*

*You are precious to Me, and I have given you a special place of honour. I love you. That's why I am willing to trade with others, to give up whole nations, to save your life.*

### Prayer

*Dear God, thank You for saying I am precious. Help me to spread Your message to others that they are precious in Your eyes.  
Amen*





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## RESPECT AND LOVE

When God told His people "I love you, people", He really meant it. He really showed and expressed His love to His people with respect, action and sacrifice. However, His children did not do the same.

The Israelites might say they trusted and worshipped God but their action said the opposite. Israel showed disrespect for God and yet He continued to be patient with them. His people, whom He loved and chose, neglected Him and brought Him sacrifices of animals that were hurt, crippled and sick. They gave God the leftover animals, not the best.

Respect is one of the greatest expressions of love. Respect in a relationship with God is reflected in how we treat God on a daily basis. We must consistently give God our best, not our leftover time or effort. He wants us to bring our lives as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to Him, in every day of our lives.

When we start to treat God as if He were not there or when our thoughts, words and actions go against God's words, it is time we repented. Let's give our best to Him always in the way we think, speak and act.

### Key verse:

*Malachi 1:2  
The Lord said,  
"I love you  
people."*

### Prayer

*Dear God, I want  
my life to be a  
living sacrifice  
where my  
thoughts, words  
and actions  
respect You and  
reflect Your love  
to others. Amen.*





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**MALACHI 2:1-2**

## GOD'S HOLY NAME

Do you like it when your friends make fun of your name? No one likes to be made fun of especially when it's related to their names. Our name is our identity, given by our parents and it will stick with us forever. You will want people to respect your name.

The same thing applies to God's name. God commands us to honour His name. We have to show respect and honour to God's name. God says not to misuse His name or speak of His name in vain.

For example, we've heard many people mention Jesus' name, when they are surprised, angry or when they are swearing. They say Jesus' name without any intention to have a personal talk with Jesus. This is not honouring His name.

There is power in the name of Jesus. It is the name above all names. It is not just merely a name. Acts 4:12 says "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Let's show honour to His name that brings salvation upon the world.

### Key verse:

*Malachi 2:2a  
Pay attention to what I say. Show honour to My name.*

### Prayer

*Dear God, I praise Your holy name. Your name is great and worthy to be praised. Amen.*





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**MALACHI 3:5-6**

## GOD NEVER CHANGES

As time goes by, we are growing taller and bigger. It means we have to change our old clothes with new clothes that are the right size. Everything around us changes. We can easily change our mind about our favourite books, movies or food. The weather changes as well. In the morning the sun shines brightly but in the afternoon it rains heavily.

We're surrounded by things that change. Relationships, people, landscapes, health, culture, they all change. Some changes happen fast and some slowly, but everything changes for sure. Everything, except God!

With everything around us changing and the future being filled with uncertainty, we need to find an unchanging place to put our hope in. We can only find it in God as God is unchanging in His existence.

God is perfect. God is love. God is holy. God is truthful. God is merciful. God is full of grace. God is mighty. God is just. God is all powerful, the biggest and strongest. All these facts do not change till now. All that He is today, He has always been, and forever will be.

### Key verse:

*Malachi 3:6a  
I am the Lord,  
and I don't  
change.*

### Prayer

*Dear God, I  
am glad that  
I have found  
an unchanging  
place to put my  
hope in. Amen.*





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**MALACHI 4:2-3**

## SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Through Malachi, God described the Sun of Righteousness. The One described as the "Sun of Righteousness" is no other than Jesus Christ!

With light, we can see things better. This is how Jesus works. His light will make sense out of things. Jesus gives light to the darkness of our lives.

Darkness can be dangerous. Without light, we can't see the path in front of us thus we might trip, bump into things and fall. Just like the sun that gives us light, the light of Jesus makes us able to see things in life clearly and thus, He guards us from falling.

This verse also says that Jesus brings healing. Jesus is a great healer. With His power, there is no sickness, pain or sorrow that He cannot heal. He is able to heal!

When Jesus sacrificed Himself on the cross, He took up our pain and bore our suffering. By His wounds, we are healed. Let's praise Him and give thanks to Him, Jesus, the Sun of Righteousness.

### Key verse:

*Malachi 4:2  
But to you who  
fear My name  
the Sun of  
Righteousness  
shall arise with  
healing in His  
wings; And you  
shall go out and  
grow fat like  
stall-fed calves.*

### Prayer

*Dear Jesus,  
thank You for  
the healing, the  
hope and the  
joy I have from  
You. I praise You  
Jesus, the Sun of  
Righteousness.  
Amen.*

