

Doctrine of “Thus Saith the LORD”

1. It is the will of the Lord that individuals turn themselves to Him.
 - *Zechariah 1:3 Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Turn ye unto me, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the Lord of hosts.*
2. It is the will of the Lord that one generation not be as stubborn as the former generation.
 - *Zechariah 1:4 Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Turn ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the Lord.*
3. It is the will of the Lord for the church in every age to know that the Lord is very jealous of His own.
 - *Zechariah 1:14 So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.*
 - *Zechariah 8:2 Thus saith the Lord of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury.*
4. It is the will of the Lord for the church to know that His house shall be built.
 - *Zechariah 1:16 Therefore thus saith the Lord; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the Lord of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem.*
5. It is the will of the Lord for His people to know that He will prosper His own.
 - *Zechariah 1:17 Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the Lord shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.*
6. It is the will of the Lord that the church knows of His divine protection.
 - *Zechariah 2:8 For thus saith the Lord of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.*
7. It is the will of the Lord that His people know that if they honor Him, He will honor them in three specific ways: the elect shall sit in judgment, keep His courts, and will walk openly without harm.

- *Zechariah 3:7 Thus saith the Lord of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.*

8. It is the will of the Lord to dwell in the midst of His people.

- *Zechariah 8:3 Thus saith the Lord; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the Lord of hosts the holy mountain.*

9. It is the will of the Lord to reward with longevity of life those who honor Him.

- *Zechariah 8:4 Thus saith the Lord of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age.*

10. It is the will of the Lord for the church to bear witness to marvellous events.

- *Zechariah 8:6 Thus saith the Lord of hosts; If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? Saith the Lord of hosts.*

11. It is the will of the Lord to save His people in time, and for eternity.

- *Zechariah 8:7 Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country;*

12. It is the will of the Lord for His people to possess great courage in divinely appointed works.

- *Zechariah 8:9 Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, which were in the day that the foundation of the house of the Lord of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built.*

13. It is the will of the Lord for the church to know that He repents not in the administration of a righteous punishment.

- *Zechariah 8:14 For thus saith the Lord of hosts; As I thought to punish you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, saith the Lord of hosts, and I repented not:*

14. It is the will of the Lord that the church love the truth and peace.

- *Zechariah 8:19 Thus saith the Lord of hosts; The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love the truth and peace.*

15. It is the will of the Lord that many people unite to form His people.

- *Zechariah 8:20 Thus saith the Lord of hosts; It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities:*
- *Zechariah 8:23 Thus saith the Lord of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.*

16. It is the will of the Lord that the church feeds even the flock destined for the slaughter.

- *Zechariah 11:4 Thus saith the Lord my God; Feed the flock of the slaughter;*