

Zechariah 3 • The Work of the Son

1. (v.1-2) The issue of sin and judgment is not strictly limited to something that takes place on earth; it is a core issue in heaven between Satan and Christ Himself. While there will ultimately be a Final Judgment, in the meantime there is a struggle between Satan the Accuser and Christ our Advocate. The first work of Christ is salvation.
2. (v.3-5) The subsequent work of Christ is sanctification, the process of making us holy and acceptable for God's service.
3. (v.6-7) The expectation is that once someone has come into a personal relationship with Christ that they will no longer live according to their old way of life but by putting His Word and ways into practice. Spiritual faithfulness reflects the believer's position *both* in the earthly and heavenly scheme of things.
4. (v.8-10) The work of the earthly priesthood and the earthly temple foreshadows the greater work of Christ the High Priest and the priesthood of all believers to come. Service in the Kingdom of God is not limited to events on earth but reflects a greater heavenly work.

Overall: Sometimes we differentiate between the daily grind of life on earth from "what will come" in the future in heaven, but our service here is already being reflected there.