

## 13—The Lord Our Righteousness

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### INTRO:

#### I. ZEDEKIAH THE LAST KING OF JUDAH

#### II. → Jeremiah 23:1-6

*"Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" declares the Lord. Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people:*

*"Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the Lord.*

→ 3 *"I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the Lord.*

→ 5 *"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will raise up for David a **righteous** Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and **right** in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.*

*This is the name by which he will be called:*

***Yahweh Tsidqenuw.***

#### III. PULLING A COIN FROM THE BOTTOM OF A DUMPSTER

### BODY:

#### I. Resurrecting Our Righteousness

5 *"The days are coming," declares the Lord,*

*"when I will **raise up** for David a **righteous** Branch,*

*Heb (**ts**emach **ts**adiyq)*

- A. Jesus is the only King that will never let us down.
- 1) Zedekiah could not go back and change history
  - 2) **Matthew 3:14-15**  
*But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.*
  - 3) **PRAYING FOR THE PRESIDENTS**
- B. Even when we fail the Lord will raise us up.
- 1) **Jude 24-25**  
*To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—*
  - 2) **NOT SEEING A TIMELINE BUT A FULL CIRCLE**

## **II. Defending Our Righteousness**

*a King who will reign **wisely**  
and do what is **just** and **right** in the land.*

- A. Jesus taught us it is possible to live life the right way.
- 1) Zedekiah was given a choice to turn to God
  - 2) **Hebrews 4:15-16**  
*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.*
  - 3) **DEFENDING PELAGIUS AS AN ETHICS TEACHER**
- B. Jesus is not our accuser, sometimes He is our only defender.
- 1) **1 John 2:1**  
*My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.*
  - 2) **CLAYTON VOLUNTEERING TO BE OUR LAWYER**

### III. Saving Our Righteousness

6 In his days Judah will be **saved**,  
and Israel will live in **safety**.

A. Sometimes when we are most afraid we do the wrong thing.

1) Zedekiah did what he thought was best

2) **Philippians 3:9**

*Not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.*

3) **CINDERELLA MAN—YOU WILL NEVER HAVE TO LEAVE**

a) He knew the fear that drove his son to stealing

b) He knew that he would have to pay the price to keep his family together

B. Jesus is not just the author of salvation, he is the means of it.

1) **1 Corinthians 1:30-31**

*It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”*

2) **WALKING ON THE BEACH**

## **OTHER SCRIPTURES:**

Revelation 5:5

Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

2 Corinthians 5:21

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Peter 3:13

But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.