

Grow in your love for God's Word 15 January

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The manual is divided with headings and bullets. Each heading and bullet refers to a point that is discussed (in the sermon). The content that follows the heading refers to the scriptures (obtained mainly from the Old King James bible and Strongs dictionary) which are the basis for the headings and bullets that are discussed. Use these references as a guide for your own study of the WORD of GOD. Enjoy and let your mind be renewed by your Saviour.



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- ✓ Eph 5:13 and 14
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Introduction

We live in a day and age where God says in 2 Tim 3:13 that evil men and seducers will become worse, deceiving many. 1 Tim 4:1 says in the latter days that some shall depart the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and teachings of demons. It even says in Tit 3:3 that we (*you and me*) once were ourselves also deceived. How did/could that happen? How can we prevent being deceived again and how must we try every spirit not to become part of those that are deceived?

The answer (not exclusively) lies in 1 John 4:1 where it says that we must not believe every spirit but that we must try them. How can we try every spirit? The answer (not exclusively) lies in Rom 1:16 probably one of the most profound scriptures in the bible where it says:”I am not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God unto salvation”.

This manual will take us back to our foundation Jesus the Word of God (Jn 1:14) looking at:

- The workings of God’s Word, how to apply it and then what to expect: and
- Living God’s Word, obtaining hope, salvation, reason and a purpose for yourself.

Let us love the Word of God again!

A. The workings of the Word of God

Eph 5:13 But^{G1161} all things^{G3956} that are reprov^{G1651}ed are made manifest^{G5319} by^{G5259} the^{G3588} light:^{G5457} for^{G1063} whatsoever^{G3956} doth make manifest^{G5319} is^{G2076} light.^{G5457}

Eph 5:14 Wherefore^{G1352} he saith,^{G3004} Awake^{G1453} thou that sleepest,^{G2518} and^{G2532} arise^{G450} from^{G1537} the^{G3588} dead,^{G3498} and^{G2532} Christ^{G5547} shall give thee light.^{G2017 G4671}

1. God's Word can be applied on all things

- all things^{G3956} **G3956** **πᾶς** *paspas* Including all the forms of declension; apparently a primary word; *all, any, every, the whole*: - all (manner of, means) *always (-s), any (one), X daily, + ever, every (one, way), as many as, + no (-thing), X throughly, whatsoever, whole, whosoever.*

2. How can I apply God's Word?

- reproved^{G1651} **G1651** **ἐλεγχο** *elegchō el-eng'-kho* Of uncertain affinity; to *confute, admonish*: - convict, convince, tell a fault, rebuke, reprove.
 - *confute*
 - To disprove; to prove to be false, defective or invaled; to overthrow; as, to confute arguments, reasoning, theory, error.
 - To prove to be wrong; to convict of error, by argument or proof; as, to confute an advocate at the bar; to confute a writer.
 - *admonish*
 - To warn or notify of a fault; to reprove with mildness. Count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother. 2 Th 3.
 - To counsel against wrong practices; to caution or advise. Admonish one another in psalms and hymns. Col 3.
 - To instruct or direct. Moses was admonished of God, when he was about to make the tabernacle. Heb 8.

3. What can I expect if I apply God's word?

a) It will make any situation apparent

- made manifest^{G5319}
 - **G5319** **φανερῶω** *phaneroō fan-er-o'-o* From **G5318**; to *render apparent* (literally or figuratively): - appear, manifestly declare, (make) manifest (forth), shew (self).
 - **G5318** **φανερὸς** *phaneros fan-er-os'* From **G5316**; *shining*, that is, *apparent* (literally or figuratively); neuter (as adverb) *publicly, externally*: - abroad, + appear, known, manifest, open [+ -ly], outward ([+ -ly]).

b) It will become "your" source of life

i. Hope

- Wherefore^{G1352}
 - **G1352** **διό** *dio dee-o'* From **G1223** and **G3739**; *through which* thing, that is, *consequently*: - for which cause, therefore, wherefore.
 - **G1223** **διά** *dia dee-ah'* A primary preposition denoting the *channel* of an act; *through* (in very wide applications, local, causal or occasional). In composition it retains the same general import: - after, always, among, at, to avoid, because of (that), briefly, by, for (cause) . . . fore, from, in, by occasion of, of, by reason of, for sake, that, thereby, therefore, X though, through (-out), to, wherefore, with (-in). In composition it retains the same general import.

ii. Salvation

- Awake^{G1453}
 - **G1453** ἐγείρω egeirō eg-i'-ro Probably akin to the base of **G58** (through the idea of *collecting one's faculties*); to *waken* (transitively or intransitively), that is, *rouse* (literally from sleep, from sitting or lying, from disease, from death; or figuratively from obscurity, inactivity, ruins, nonexistence): - awake, lift (up), raise (again, up), rear up, (a-) rise (again, up), stand, take up.
 - **G58** ἀγορά agora ag-or-ah' From ἀγείρω "ageiro" (to *gather*; probably akin to **G1453**); properly *the town square* (as a place of public resort); by implication a *market* or *thoroughfare*: - market (-place), street.

iii. Reason

Looking at point i) and ii) above we can determine that the Word of God gives as a reason. The lack of reason is probably one of the greatest causes why people "sleep":

- sleepest,^{G2518}
 - **G2518** καθεῦδω katheudō kath-yoo'-do From **G2596** and εὔδω heudō (to *sleep*); to *lie down to rest*, that is, (by implication) to *fall asleep* (literally or figuratively): - (be a-) sleep.
 - **G2596** κατά kata kat-ah'A primary particle; (preposition) *down* (in place or time), in varied relations (according to the case [genitive, dative or accusative] with which it is joined): - about, according as (to), after, against, (when they were) X **alone**, among, and, X apart, (even, like) as (concerning, pertaining to, touching), X aside, at, before, beyond, by, to the charge of, [charita-] bly, concerning, + covered, [dai-] ly, down, every, (+ far more) exceeding, X more excellent, for, from . . . to, godly, in (-asmuch, divers, every, -to, respect of), . . . by, after the manner of, + by any means, beyond (out of) measure, X mightily, more, X natural, of (up-) on (X part), out (of every), over against, (+ your) X own, + particularly, so, through (-oughout, -oughout every), thus, (un-) to (-gether, -ward), X uttermost, where (-by), with. In composition it retains many of these applications, and frequently denotes *opposition*, *distribution* or *intensity*.

Look at the signs and symptoms of depression and compare the similarity with the word "sleepest" above:

Common signs and symptoms of depression

- **Feelings of helplessness and hopelessness.** A bleak outlook—nothing will ever get better and there's nothing you can do to improve your situation.
- **Loss of interest in daily activities.** No interest in former hobbies, pastimes, social activities, or sex. You've lost your ability to feel joy and pleasure.
- **Appetite or weight changes.** Significant weight loss or weight gain—a change of more than 5% of body weight in a month.
- **Sleep changes.** Either insomnia, especially waking in the early hours of the morning, or oversleeping (also known as hypersomnia).
- **Anger or irritability.** Feeling agitated, restless, or even violent. Your tolerance level is low, your temper short, and everything and everyone gets on your nerves.

- **Loss of energy.** Feeling fatigued, sluggish, and physically drained. Your whole body may feel heavy, and even small tasks are exhausting or take longer to complete.
- **Self-loathing.** Strong feelings of worthlessness or guilt. You harshly criticize yourself for perceived faults and mistakes.
- **Reckless behavior.** You engage in escapist behavior such as substance abuse, compulsive gambling, reckless driving, or dangerous sports.
- **Concentration problems.** Trouble focusing, making decisions, or remembering things.
- **Unexplained aches and pains.** An increase in physical complaints such as headaches, back pain, aching muscles, and stomach pain.

iv. Purpose

- arise^{G450}
 - **G450 ἀνίστημι** anistēmi *an-is'-tay-mee* From **G303** and **G2476**; **to stand up** (literally or figuratively, transitively or intransitively): - arise, lift up, raise up (again), rise (again), stand up (-right).
 - **G303 ἀνά** ana *an-ah'* A primary preposition and adverb; properly *up*; but (by extension) used (distributively) *severally*, or (locally) *at* (etc.): - and, apiece, by, each, every (man), in, through. In compounds (as a prefix) it often means (by implication) *repetition, intensity, reversal*, etc.
 - **G2476 ἵστημι** histēmi *his'-tay-mee* A prolonged form of a primary word **στάω** staō (of the same meaning, and used for it in certain tenses); **to stand** (transitively or intransitively), used in various applications (literally or figuratively): - **abide, appoint, bring, continue, covenant, establish, hold up, lay, present, set (up)**, stanch, stand (by, forth, still, up). Compare **G5087**.
- shall give thee light.^{G2017 G4671} **G4671 σοι** soi soy Dative case of **G4771**; **to thee**: - thee, thine own, thou, thy.

B. Living God's Word

Zec 8:1 En die woord van die HERE van die leërskare het gekom en gesê:

Zec 8:2 So spreek die HERE van die leërskare: Ek ywer oor Sion met 'n groot ywer, ja, Ek ywer met groot grimmigheid daarvoor.

Zec 8:3 So sê die HERE: Ek keer terug na Sion en sal midde-in Jerusalem woon; en Jerusalem sal genoem word: Die stad van trou, en die berg van die HERE van die leërskare: Die heilige berg.

Zec 8:4 So sê die HERE van die leërskare: Daar sal weer ou manne en ou vroue op die pleine van Jerusalem sit—elkeen met sy stok in sy hand vanweë die veelheid van hulle dae.

Zec 8:5 En die pleine van die stad sal vol wees van seuntjies en dogtertjies wat op die pleine daarvan speel.

Zec 8:6 So sê die HERE van die leërskare: As dit te wonderbaar is in die oë van die oorblyfsel van hierdie volk in dié dae, sal dit ook in my oë te wonderbaar wees? spreek die HERE van die leërskare.

Zec 8:7 So sê die HERE van die leërskare: Kyk, Ek gaan my volk verlos uit die land van die ooste en uit die land van die weste

Zec 8:8 en hulle aanbring; en hulle sal midde-in Jerusalem woon. Dan sal hulle vir My 'n volk wees, en Ék sal vir hulle 'n God wees, in trou en geregtigheid.

Zec 8:9 So sê die HERE van die leërskare: Laat julle hande sterk wees, julle wat in hierdie dae sulke woorde gehoor het uit die mond van die profete op die dag toe die fondament gelê is van die huis van die HERE van die leërskare, die tempel, om gebou te word.

Zec 8:10 Want vóór hierdie dae het die mense geen loon getrek nie, ook vir die diere was daar geen loon nie; en vir die wat uit— en ingaan, was daar weens die teëstander geen veiligheid nie; want Ek het al die mense die een teen die ander losgelaat.

Zec 8:11 Maar nou sal Ek vir die oorblyfsel van hierdie volk nie wees soos in vroeër dae nie, spreek die HERE van die leërskaer.

Zec 8:12 Want die saad van vrede, die wingerdstok, sal sy vrug gee, en die aarde sy opbrings lewer, en die hemel sal sy dou skenk; en die oorblyfsel van hierdie volk sal Ek al hierdie dinge laat beërwe.

Zec 8:13 En soos julle 'n vloek gewees het onder die nasies, o huis van Juda en huis van Israel, so sal Ek julle verlos, dat julle 'n seën kan wees. Wees nie bevrees nie, laat julle hande sterk wees.

Zec 8:14 Want so sê die HERE van die leërskaer: Soos Ek My voorgeneem het om julle kwaad aan te doen, toe julle vaders My vertoorn het, sê die HERE van die leërskaer, en Ek daar geen berou van gehad het nie—

Zec 8:15 so het Ek My weer voorgeneem om in hierdie dae goed te doen aan Jerusalem en die huis van Juda. Wees nie bevrees nie.

Zec 8:16 Dit is die dinge wat julle moet doen: Spreek die waarheid met mekaar; beoefen waarheid en 'n regspraak van vrede in julle poorte!

Zec 8:17 En julle moet nie mekaar se onheil in jul hart versin nie, en nie die valse eed liefhê nie. Want dit alles haat Ek, spreek die HERE.

Zec 8:18 En die woord van die HERE van die leërskaer het tot my gekom en gesê:

Zec 8:19 So sê die HERE van die leërskaer: Die vasdag in die vierde en die vasdag in die vyfde en die vasdag in die sewende en die vasdag in die tiende maand moet vir die huis van Juda 'n vreugde en blydskap wees en vrolike feestye, maar julle moet die waarheid en die vrede liefhê.

Zec 8:20 So sê die HERE van die leërskaer: Nog sal volke aankom en die inwoners van baie stede.

Zec 8:21 En die inwoners van die een stad sal gaan na die ander en sê: Kom, laat ons heengaan om die aangesig van die HERE om genade te smee en die HERE van die leërskaer te soek. Ek wil ook gaan!

Zec 8:22 So sal dan baie volke en magtige nasies kom om die HERE van die leërskaer in Jerusalem te soek en die aangesig van die HERE om genade te smee.

Zec 8:23 So sê die HERE van die leërskaer: In dié dae sal tien man uit al die tale van die nasies die slip van 'n Joodse man gryp en dit vashou en sê: Ons wil met julle saamgaan, want ons het gehoor dat God met julle is.

Zec 1:1 In the eighth^{H8066} month,^{H2320} in the second^{H8147} year^{H8141} of Darius,^{H1867} came^{H1961} the word^{H1697} of the LORD^{H3068} unto^{H413} Zechariah,^{H2148} the son^{H1121} of Berechiah,^{H1296} (*blessing of Jah*) the son^{H1121} of Iddo^{H5714} (*timely*) the prophet,^{H5030} saying,^{H559}

- Darius: he that informs himself
- Zechariah,^{H2148}
 - **H2148** זְכַרְיָהוּ זְכַרְיָהוּ ^{z'karyâh z'karyâhû zek-ar-yaw', zek-ar-yaw'-hoo} From [H2142](#) and [3050](#); *Jah has remembered; Zecarjah*, the name of twenty nine Israelites: - Zachariah, Zechariah.
 - **H2142** זָכַר ^{zâkar zaw-kar'} A primitive root; properly to *mark* (so as to be recognized), that is, to *remember*; by implication to *mention*; also (as denominative from [H2145](#)) to *be male*: - X burn [incense], X earnestly, be male, (make) mention (of), be mindful, recount, record (-er), remember, make to be remembered, bring (call, come, keep, put) to (in) remembrance, X still, think on, X well.

Zec 8:1 Again the word^{H1697} of the LORD^{H3068} of hosts^{H6635} came^{H1961} to me, saying,^{H559}

1. God's Word can be applied to all things

- word^{H1697}
 - **H1697** דָּבָר *dâbâr* *daw-bawr* From [H1696](#); a *word*; by implication a *matter* (as spoken of) **Of thing**; adverbially a *cause*: - act, advice, affair, answer, X any such (thing), + because of, book, business, care, case, cause, certain rate, + chronicles, commandment, X commune (-ication), + concern [-ing], + confer, counsel, + dearth, decree, deed, X disease, due, duty, effect, + eloquent, errand, [evil favoured-]ness, + glory, + harm, hurt, + iniquity, + judgment, language, + lying, manner, matter, message, [no] thing, oracle, X ought, X parts, + pertaining, + please, portion, + power, promise, provision, purpose, question, rate, reason, report, request, X (as hast) said, sake, saying, sentence, + sign, + so, some [uncleanness], somewhat to say, + song, speech, X spoken, talk, task, + that, X there done, thing (concerning), thought, + thus, tidings, what [-soever], + wherewith, which, word, work.
 - **H1696** דָּבַר *dâbardaw-bar'* A primitive root; perhaps properly **to arrange**; but used figuratively (of words) to *speak*; rarely (in a destructive sense) to *subdue*: - answer, appoint, bid, command, commune, declare, destroy, give, name, promise, pronounce, rehearse, say, speak, be spokesman, subdue, talk, teach, tell, think, use [entreaties], utter, X well, X work.

2. How can I apply God's Word?

- saying,^{H559} **H559** אָמַר *âmar* *aw-mar'* A primitive root; to say (used with great latitude): - answer, appoint, avouch, bid, boast self, call, certify, **challenge**, charge, + (at the, give) command (ment), commune, consider, declare, demand, X desire, determine, X expressly, X indeed, X intend, name, X plainly, promise, publish, report, require, say, **speak (against, of)**, X still, X suppose, talk, tell, term, X that is, X think, use [speech], utter, X verily, X yet.

3. What can I expect if I apply God's Word?

We will come to know God's heart, how He feels about the situation or circumstance.

a) To know God's heart/will in every situation

[Zec 8:2](#) Thus^{H3541} saith^{H559} the LORD^{H3068} of hosts,^{H6635} I was **jealous**^{H7065} for Zion^{H6726} with great^{H1419} **jealousy**,^{H7068} and I was jealous^{H7065} for her with great^{H1419} **fury**.^{H2534}

- jealous^{H7065} **H7065** קָנָא *qânâ'* *kaw-naw'* A primitive root; to *be* (causatively *make*) **zealous**, that is, (in a bad sense) *jealous* or *envious*: - (be) envy (-ious), be (move to, provoke to) jealous (-y), X very, (be) zeal (-ous).
- jealousy,^{H7068} **H7068** קִנְיָה *qin'âhkin-aw'* From [H7065](#); *jealousy* or *envy*: - envy (-ied), jealousy, X sake, **zeal**.
- fury.^{H2534}
 - **H2534** חֵמָה *chêmâh* *chêmâ'khay-maw'*, *khay-maw'* From [H3179](#); **heat**; figuratively *anger*, *poison* (from its *fever*): - anger, bottles, hot displeasure, furious (-ly, -ry), heat, indignation, poison, rage, wrath (-ful). See [H2529](#).

- **H3179** חָמַץ *yâchamyaw-kham'* A primitive root; Probably to be *hot*; figuratively to *conceive*: - get heat, be hot, conceive, be warm.

Zec 8:3 Thus^{H3541} saith^{H559} the LORD;^{H3068} I am returned^{H7725} unto^{H413} Zion,^{H6726} and will dwell^{H7931} in the midst^{H8432} of Jerusalem:^{H3389} and Jerusalem^{H3389} shall be called^{H7121} a city^{H5892} of truth;^{H571} and the mountain^{H2022} of the LORD^{H3068} of hosts^{H6635} the holy^{H6944} mountain.^{H2022}

- returned^{H7725} **H7725** שׁוּב *shûb shoob* A primitive root; to *turn* back (hence, away) transitively or intransitively, literally or figuratively (not necessarily with the idea of *return* to the starting point); generally to *retreat*; often adverbially *again*: - ([break, build, circumcise, dig, do anything, do evil, feed, lay down, lie down, lodge, make, rejoice, send, take, weep]) X again, (cause to) answer (+ again), X in any case (wise), X at all, averse, bring (again, back, home again), call [to mind], carry again (back), cease, X certainly, come again (back) X consider, + continually, convert, deliver (again), + deny, draw back, fetch home again, X fro, get [oneself] (back) again, X give (again), go again (back, home), [go] out, hinder, let, [see] more, X needs, be past, X pay, pervert, pull in again, put (again, up again), recall, recompense, recover, refresh, relieve, render (again), X repent, requite, rescue, restore, retrieve, (cause to, make to) return, reverse, reward, + say nay, send back, set again, slide back, still, X surely, take back (off), (cause to, make to) turn (again, self again, away, back, back again, backward, from, off), withdraw.
- Zion,^{H6726}
 - **H6726** צִיּוֹן *tsîyôn tsee-yone'* The same (regular) as **H6725**; *Tsijon* (as a permanent *capital*), a mountain of Jerusalem: - Zion.
 - **H6725** צִיּוֹן *tsîyûn tsee-yoon'* From the same as **H6723** in the sense of *conspicuousness* (Openness or exposure to the view)(compare **H5329**); a monumental or guiding *pillar*: - sign, title, waymark.
 - **H6723** צִיָּה *tsîyâh tsee-yaw'* From an unused root meaning to *parch*; *aridity*; concretely a *desert*: - barren, drought, dry (land, place), **solitary place**, wilderness.
- **Jerusalem**: vision of peace
- mountain^{H2022}
 - **H2022** הַר *har har* A shortened form of **H2042**; a *mountain* or *range* of hills (sometimes used figuratively): - hill (country), mount (-ain), X promotion.
 - **H2042** הַרְרָה *hârârhaw-rawr'* From an unused root meaning to *loom up*; a *mountain*: - hill, mount (-ain).

b) It will become your source of life

Also read Mat 19:17

i. Hope

Zec 8:4 Thus^{H3541} saith^{H559} the LORD^{H3068} of hosts;^{H6635} There shall yet^{H5750} old men^{H2205} and old women^{H2205} dwell^{H3427} in the streets^{H7339} of Jerusalem,^{H3389} and every man^{H376} with his staff^{H4938} in his hand^{H3027} for very^{H4480 H7230} age.^{H3117}

- with his staff^{H4938}
 - **H4938** מִשְׁעָנָה מִשְׁעָנָה mish'ênâh mish'eneth *mish-ay-naw', mish-eh'-neth* Feminine of [H4937](#); *support* (abstractly), that is, (figuratively) *sustenance* or (concretely) a *walking stick*: - staff.
 - **H4937** מִשְׁעָן מִשְׁעָן mish'ên mish'ân *mish-ane', mish-awn'* From [H8172](#); a *support* (concretely), that is, (figuratively) a *protector* or *sustenance*: - stay.
 - **H8172** שָׁעַן shâ'an *shaw-an'* A primitive root; to *support one's self*: - lean, lie, rely, **rest (on, self)**, stay.

Zec 8:5 And the streets^{H7339} of the city^{H5892} shall be full^{H4390} of boys^{H3206} and girls^{H3207} playing^{H7832} in the streets^{H7339} thereof.

Zec 8:6 Thus^{H3541} saith^{H559} the LORD^{H3068} of hosts,^{H6635} If^{H3588} it be marvellous^{H6381} in the eyes^{H5869} of the remnant^{H7611} of this^{H2088} people^{H5971} in these^{H1992} days,^{H3117} should it also^{H1571} be marvellous^{H6381} in mine eyes?^{H5869} saith^{H5002} the LORD^{H3068} of hosts.^{H6635}

Zec 8:7 Thus^{H3541} saith^{H559} the LORD^{H3068} of hosts,^{H6635} Behold,^{H2009} I will save^{H3467 (H853)} my people^{H5971} from the east^{H4217} country,^{H4480 H776} and from the west^{H3996 H8121} country,^{H4480 H776}

Zec 8:8 And I will bring^{H935} them, and they shall dwell^{H7931} in the midst^{H8432} of Jerusalem:^{H3389} and they shall be^{H1961} my people,^{H5971} and I^{H589} will be^{H1961} their God,^{H430} in truth^{H571} and in righteousness.^{H6666}

ii. Salvation

Zec 8:9 Thus^{H3541} saith^{H559} the LORD^{H3068} of hosts,^{H6635} **Let your hands^{H3027} be strong,^{H2388}** ye that hear^{H8085} in these^{H428} days^{H3117 (H853)} these^{H428} words^{H1697} by the mouth^{H4480 H6310} of the prophets,^{H5030} which^{H834} were in the day^{H3117} *that the foundation of the house^{H1004} of the LORD^{H3068} of hosts^{H6635} was laid,^{H3245} that the temple^{H1964} might be built.^{H1129}*

- Let your hands^{H3027} **H3027** יָאָד yâd A primitive word; a *hand* (the *open one* (indicating *power, means, direction, etc.*), in distinction from [H3709](#), the *closed one*); used (as noun, adverb, etc.) in a great variety of applications, both literally and figuratively, both proximate and remote: - (+ be) able, X about, + armholes, at, axletree, because of, beside, border, X bounty, + broad, [broken-] handed, X by, charge, coast, + **consecrate**, + creditor, custody, debt, dominion, X enough, + **fellowship**, force, X from, hand [-staves, -y work], X he, himself, X in, labour, + large, ledge, [left-] handed, means, X mine, ministry, near, X of, X order, ordinance, X our, parts, pain, power, X presumptuously, service, side, sore, state, stay, draw with strength, stroke, + swear, terror, X thee, X by them, X them-selves, X thine own, X thou, through, X throwing, + thumb, times, X to, X under, X us, X wait on, [way-] side, where, + wide, X with (him, me, you), work, + yield, X your-selves.
- strong,^{H2388} **H2388** חָזַק châzaq *khaw-zak'* A primitive root; to *fasten* upon; hence to *seize, be strong* (figuratively *courageous, causatively strengthen, cure, help, repair, fortify, obstinate*; to *bind, restrain, conquer*: - aid, amend, X calker, catch, cleave, confirm, be constant, constrain, continue, be of good (take) courage (-ous, -ly), encourage (self), be established, fasten, force, fortify, make hard, harden, help, (lay) hold (fast), lean, maintain, play the man, mend, become (wax) mighty, prevail, be recovered, repair, retain, seize, be (wax) sore, strengten (self), be stout, be (make, shew, wax) strong (-er), be sure, take (hold), be urgent, behave self valiantly, withstand.

iii. Reason

Zec 8:10 For^{H3588} before^{H6440} these^{H1992} days^{H3117} there was^{H1961} no^{H3808} hire^{H7939} (commanding with rightful authority) for man,^{H120} nor^{H369} any hire^{H7939} for beast;^{H929} (From an unused root (probably meaning to be *mute*))

neither^{H369} was there any peace^{H7965} to him that went out^{H3318} or came in^{H935} because of^{H4480} the affliction:^{H6862} for I set^{H7971} (H853) all^{H3605} men^{H120} every one^{H376} against his neighbour.^{H7453}

Zec 8:11 But now^{H6258} |^{H589} will not^{H3808} be unto the residue^{H7611} of this^{H2088} people^{H5971} as in the former^{H7223} days,^{H3117} saith^{H5002} the LORD^{H3068} of hosts.^{H6635}

Zec 8:12 For^{H3588} the seed^{H2233} shall be prosperous;^{H7965} the vine^{H1612} shall give^{H5414} her fruit,^{H6529} and the ground^{H776} shall give^{H5414} (H853) her increase,^{H2981} and the heavens^{H8064} shall give^{H5414} their dew;^{H2919} and I will cause^(H853) the remnant^{H7611} of this^{H2088} people^{H5971} to possess^{H5157} (H853) all^{H3605} these^{H428} things.

Zec 8:13 And it shall come to pass,^{H1961} that as^{H834} ye were^{H1961} a curse^{H7045} among the heathen,^{H1471} O house^{H1004} of Judah,^{H3063} and house^{H1004} of Israel;^{H3478} so^{H3651} will I save^{H3467} you, and ye shall be^{H1961} a blessing:^{H1293} fear^{H3372} not,^{H408} but let your hands^{H3027} be strong.^{H2388}

Zec 8:14 For^{H3588} thus^{H3541} saith^{H559} the LORD^{H3068} of hosts;^{H6635} As^{H834} I thought^{H2161} to punish^{H7489} you, when your fathers^{H1} provoked me to wrath,^{H7107} (H853) saith^{H559} the LORD^{H3068} of hosts,^{H6635} and I repented^{H5162} not:^{H3808}

Zec 8:15 So^{H3651} again^{H7725} have I thought^{H2161} in these^{H428} days^{H3117} to do well^{H3190} unto^(H853) Jerusalem^{H3389} and to the house^{H1004} of Judah:^{H3063} fear^{H3372} ye not.^{H408}

iv. Purpose

Zec 8:16 These^{H428} are the things^{H1697} that^{H834} ye shall do;^{H6213} Speak^{H1696} ye every man^{H376} the truth^{H571} to^{H854} his neighbour;^{H7453} execute^{H8199} the judgment^{H4941} of truth^{H571} and peace^{H7965} in your gates:^{H8179}

Apply God's Word

(Refer to Eph 5:13 reprove^{G1651} **G1651** ἐλέγχο elegchō *el-eng'-kho* Of uncertain affinity; to confute, admonish: - convict, convince, tell a fault, rebuke, reprove.)

- Speak^{H1696} **H1696** דַּבַּר *dâbar daw-bar'* A primitive root; perhaps properly to *arrange*; but used figuratively (of words) to *speak*; rarely (in a destructive sense) to *subdue*: - answer, appoint, bid, command, commune, declare, destroy, give, **name, promise**, pronounce, rehearse, say, speak, be spokesman, subdue, talk, **teach, tell, think**, use [entreaties], utter, X well, X work.
- truth^{H571}
 - **H571** אֱמֶת *emeth eh'-meth* Contracted from [H539](#); *stability*; figuratively *certainty, truth, trustworthiness*: - assured (-ly), establishment, faithful, right, sure, true (-ly, -th), verity.
 - **H539** אָמַן *âman aw-man'* A primitive root; properly to *build up* or *support*; to *foster* as a parent or nurse; figuratively to *render* (or *be*) *firm* or faithful, to *trust* or believe, to be *permanent* or quiet; **morally to be true or certain**; once (in [Isa 30:21](#); by interchange for [H541](#)) to *go to the right hand*: - hence assurance, believe, bring up, establish, + fail, be faithful (of long continuance, steadfast, sure, surely, trusty, verified), nurse, (-ing father), (put), trust, turn to the right.
- neighbour;

- **H7453** רַע רֵעַ *rêa' rêya' ray'-ah, ray'-ah* From [H7462](#); **an associate** (more or less close): - brother, companion, fellow, friend, husband, lover, neighbour, X (an-) other.
 - **H7462** רָעָה *râ'âh raw-aw'* A primitive root; to *tend* a flock, that is, *pasture* it; intransitively to *graze* (literally or figuratively); generally to *rule*; by extension to *associate* with (as a friend): - X break, companion, keep company with, devour, eat up, evil entreat, feed, use as a friend, make friendship with, herdman, keep [sheep] (-er), pastor, + shearing house, shepherd, wander, waste.
- execute^{H8199} **H8199** שָׁפַט *shâphaṭ shaw-fat'* A primitive root; to *judge*, that is, pronounce *sentence* (for or against); by implication to *vindicate* or *punish*; by extension to *govern*; passively to *litigate* (literally or figuratively): - + avenge, X that condemn, **contend, defend**, execute (judgment), (be a) judge (-ment), X needs, **plead, reason, rule**.
- peace^{H7965}
 - **H7965** שָׁלוֹם *shâlôm shâlôm shaw-lome', shaw-lome'* From [H7999](#); *safe*, that is, (figuratively) *well, happy, friendly*; also (abstractly) *welfare*, that is, **health, prosperity**, peace: - X do, familiar, X fare, favour, + friend, X greet, (good) health, (X perfect, such as be at) peace (-able, -ably), prosper (-ity, -ous), rest, safe (-ly), salute, welfare, (X all is, be) well, X wholly.
 - **H7999** שָׁלַם *shâlam Shaw-lam'* A primitive root; to *be safe* (in mind, body or estate); figuratively to *be* (causatively *make*) *completed*; by implication to *be friendly*; by extension to *reciprocate* (in various applications): - make amends, (make an) end, finish, full, give again, make good, (re-) pay (again), (make) (to) (be at) peace (-able), that is perfect, perform, (make) prosper (-ous), recompense, render, requite, make restitution, restore, reward, X surely.
- judgment^{H4941}
 - **H4941** מִשְׁפָּט *mishpâṭ mish-pawt'* From [H8199](#); properly a *verdict* (favorable or unfavorable) pronounced judicially, especially a *sentence* or formal decree (human or (particularly) divine *law*, individual or collectively), including the act, the place, the suit, **the crime, and the penalty**; abstractly *justice*, including a particular *right*, or *privilege* (statutory or customary), or even a *style*: - + adversary, ceremony, charge, X crime, custom, desert, determination, discretion, disposing, due, fashion, form, to be judged, judgment, just (-ice, -ly), (manner of) law (-ful), manner, measure, (due) order, ordinance, right, sentence, usest, X worthy, + wrong.
 - **H8199** שָׁפַט *shâphaṭ shaw-fat'* A primitive root; to *judge*, that is, pronounce *sentence* (for or against); by implication to *vindicate* or *punish*; by extension to *govern*; passively to *litigate* (literally or figuratively): - + avenge, X that condemn, **contend, defend**, execute (judgment), (be a) judge (-ment), X needs, plead, reason, rule.
- in your gates:^{H8179}
 - **H8179** שַׁעַר *sha'ar shah'-ar* From [H8176](#) in its original sense; an *opening*, that is, *door* or *gate*: - city, door, gate, port (X -er).
 - **H8176** שָׁעַר *shâ'ar shaw-ar'* A primitive root; to *split* or *open*, that is, (literally, but only as denominative from [H8179](#)) **to act as gate keeper** (see [H7778](#)); (figuratively) to *estimate*: - think.

Zec 8:17 And let none^{H408 H376} of you imagine^{H2803 (H853)} evil^{H7451} in your hearts^{H3824} against his neighbour;^{H7453} and love^{H157} no^{H408} false^{H8267} oath:^{H7621} for^{H3588 (H853)} all^{H3605} these^{H428} *are things* that^{H834} I hate,^{H8130} saith^{H5002} the LORD.^{H3068}

Zec 8:18 And the word^{H1697} of the LORD^{H3068} of hosts^{H6635} came^{H1961} unto^{H413} me, saying,^{H559}

Zec 8:19 Thus^{H3541} saith^{H559} the LORD^{H3068} of hosts;^{H6635} The fast^{H6685} of the fourth^{H7243} *month*, and the fast^{H6685} of the fifth,^{H2549} and the fast^{H6685} of the seventh,^{H7637} and the fast^{H6685} of the tenth,^{H6224} shall be^{H1961} to the house^{H1004} of Judah^{H3063} joy^{H8342} and gladness,^{H8057} and cheerful^{H2896} feasts;^{H4150} therefore love^{H157} the truth^{H571} and peace.^{H7965}

Zec 8:20 Thus^{H3541} saith^{H559} the LORD^{H3068} of hosts;^{H6635} *It shall yet*^{H5750} *come to pass*, that^{H834} there shall come^{H935} people,^{H5971} and the inhabitants^{H3427} of many^{H7227} cities:^{H5892}

Zec 8:21 And the inhabitants^{H3427} of one^{H259} *city* shall go^{H1980} to^{H413} another,^{H259} saying,^{H559} Let us go speedily^{H1980 H1980} to pray^{H2470 (H853)} before^{H6440} the LORD,^{H3068} and to seek^{H1245 (H853)} the LORD^{H3068} of hosts:^{H6635} *I*^{H589} will go^{H1980} also.^{H1571}

Zec 8:22 Yea, many^{H7227} people^{H5971} and strong^{H6099} nations^{H1471} shall come^{H935} to seek^{H1245 (H853)} the LORD^{H3068} of hosts^{H6635} in Jerusalem,^{H3389} and to pray^{H2470 (H853)} before^{H6440} the LORD.^{H3068}

Zec 8:23 Thus^{H3541} saith^{H559} the LORD^{H3068} of hosts;^{H6635} In those^{H1992} days^{H3117} *it shall come to pass*, that^{H834} ten^{H6235} men^{H376} shall take hold^{H2388} out of all^{H4480 H3605} languages^{H3956} of the nations,^{H1471} even shall take hold^{H2388} of the skirt^{H3671} of him^{H376} that is a Jew,^{H3064} saying,^{H559} We will go^{H1980} with^{H5973} you: for^{H3588} we have heard^{H8085} *that God*^{H430} *is with*^{H5973} you.