

## **SERMON: GOD'S DEALING WITH MAN**

**SCRIPTURE: Zechariah 4:6; Matthew 6:4, 6, 18**

**Introduction:** Most fundamental Christians believe in the miracle-working power of God. Further, that God never changes and that He is the same today, yesterday and forever. However, we must recognize that God deals with mankind differently in a different set of circumstances and a different age. In this message we will note how God has dealt differently with man across the centuries.

### **1. GOD HAS WORKED FOR MAN ACROSS THE AGES**

- a. We see God working for man in the great plan of creation. This creation took no cooperation on the part of man.
- b. The Old Testament is filled with accounts where God worked for man. He opened the Red Sea, sent fire down from heaven, stopped mouths of lions, sent sound in mulberry trees.
- c. While God certainly raised up prophets to assist Him in sending His message, all of Israel was not so intently involved.

### **2. JESUS LIVED, WORKED AND DIED FOR MAN**

- a. His purpose in coming to this earth was to seek and to save that which was lost. His earthly ministry is marked by His endeavor to do something for man.
- b. While on earth He was a light of the world.
- c. His death and resurrection further show us that redemption is a gift to mankind and not something man is doing for himself.

### **3. HOWEVER, IN THIS CHURCH AGE GOD WORKS WITH US**

- a. During this church age the Christians have become the light of the world and as we notice in our Bible Reading (Mark 16:20) the Lord is now "working with them."
- b. In the sixteenth chapter of John, Jesus promised another Comforter who also would work with the church.
- c. Indeed God helps us by confirmation
  - i. He was with Peter and John at the gate of the temple
  - ii. He was with Paul and Silas in Jail
- d. He was with Stephen while being stoned

**Conclusion:** How wonderful for the child of God to know that he has this power working with him. The promise is that He will never leave us alone. If the church fails today it is because they have failed to accept this partnership offered by God, through the work of the Holy Spirit.