



It Doesn't Get Any Better than This! Zechariah 14:9

What memories did today's opening story recall? What foretaste did you experience?

Foretaste: *a small anticipatory sample.* I love that. Remember the hymn that uses this word:

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine. O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Zechariah 14:9 gives us a taste of the ultimate future reality — one that fills us with hope and reorders how we live today. It's the hope we can have now in Christ, and a reminder that

whatever we experience in this life that is good and godly is but a sample of the glory that is ahead!

Let his hope shape how you live today. This hope can save us from the hopelessness sometimes seen in this world. It can empower us to be most influenced by tomorrow's hope rather than today's headlines.

Here Zechariah is writing during a time of national uncertainty. Here he presents a prophetic picture of God's final victory and rule, not only for Israel but for the world.

The LORD will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one LORD, and his name the only name. Zechariah 14:9, *NIV*

This verse invites us not to store it away in our memory bank, but to live in view of it. Here are some ways we can live differently.

The LORD as King should shape our imagination.

- The LORD as King is a “now and not yet” reality. Jesus is ruling now, but there is a greater fulfillment awaiting!
- This is what we acknowledge now and have a future anticipation for when we pray, “Your kingdom come...”
- Without denying the horrors and darkness in our present world, this promise invites us to imagine what will be!

The LORD as King should shape our prayers.

- Don't stop at praying the problem, prophesy the promise!
- What would shift in your prayer life if you prayed God's reign over your hardest situation?

The LORD as King should shape our worship.

- Oh, there will be a day when all will bow before Him,
There will be a day when death will be no more,
Standing face to face with He who died and rose

again,

Holy, holy is the Lord! (Phil Wickham, *There Will be a Day*, 2021)

- This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget,
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: The battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heav'n be one (Hymn: This is My
Father's World)

- No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns
infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow, far as the
curse is found...

He rules the world with truth and grace, and
makes the nations prove,
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of
his love...

(Joy to the World)

*This week, choose to live like Jesus really is
King over your work, your home, your struggle!
Live as one who knows how the story ends!
Live knowing Jesus is King — and that His
kingdom will one day fully come!*

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