

THOSE THAT STAND BY

Zechariah 3:1-7

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God promised Joshua, the High Priest, that if he would walk in His ways and keep His charge, then Joshua would judge God's house, keep His courts, and walk among "these that stand by." In the scriptures, we find that the Angel of the Lord stands by, the angels stand by, and faithful saints stand by, ready to serve the Lord. Psalm 24:3-6 describes the person who has the privilege and blessing to stand in God's holy place.

- Earthly example:" Eglon, King of Moab, sent away "all that stood by" (Judges 3:18-19).
- In Jesus' parable of the ten pounds, the nobleman commanded "them that stood by" (Luke 19:20-24).
- The High Priest Ananias commanded "them that stood by him" to smite Paul on the mouth (Acts 23:2).
- It is a blessing when God chooses to allow you to dwell near Him in His holy temple (Psalm 65:4).

I. THEY SERVE GOD IN HIS TEMPLE (Rev. 7:15-17)

- There is a distinction made between serving God and serving people.
 - Serving people will be disappointing many times.
 - Serving God is always a blessing.
- The Levite tribe was appointed to stand before the LORD to minister unto him (Deut 10:8).
 - Because of their idolatry (Ezekiel 48:11), only one faithful family of Levites will serve Jesus Christ in the millennium; the family of Zadok.
- The child Samuel ministered unto the Lord (1 Sam 2:18, 3:1).
- Sometimes we think we're serving God, but we get in the flesh and perform our service in our own strength. There's no blessing there. When you serve, make sure you're ministering to the Lord, and not to yourself.
 - When you do, God will call you to do a blessed work for Him (Acts 13:1).

II. THEY OFFER PRAISE UNTO GOD (Psalm 135:1-3)

- People praise what they are excited about or proud of. They will brag about their heroes.
- If you're not praising God, it's because you're no longer excited about Him.
- Psalm 84:4, those who are in God's house will praise Him.

III. THEY LEARN THE WISDOM OF GOD (Daniel 7:15-16)

- When Daniel wanted to know the interpretation of a vision, he got the answers from "one of them that stood by."
 - When you're in the King's Court, you're going to hear what's going on and obtain knowledge that you can pass onto others.

A. THEY GET TO BEHOLD THE GLORY OF THE LORD (Psalm 27:4)

B. THEY GET TO ENQUIRE IN HIS TEMPLE (Psalm 27:4, James 1:5, Psalm 25:14)

IV. **THEY ARE SENT FORTH BY THE LORD (Zechariah 6:5)**

- They are given a task to perform; God sends them out and gives them a blessed purpose.
 - Today, if you make yourself available (stand by) for service, you will be selected to serve in some capacity.
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V. **THEY STAND BY ALL NIGHT LONG (Psalm 134:1)**

- Nighttime signifies the darkness that overshadows this time on Earth (Mt 4:16).
 - We are to walk as children of light (Eph 5:8) and children of the day (1 Thess 5:5) until the Day Star rises (2 Peter 1:9, Malachi 4:2).
 - We are to live for God and serve Him all our days.
 - Focus on God's word and work, not on world affairs which will sorrow you (Eccl 1:17).
 - Stand by the Lord; He'll give you light in this dark world (John 8:12).
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