

CHOOSING OUR SAVIOR

Zechariah 9:1 – 10:2

- 2 Corinthians 5:9, 1 Corinthians 10:31

- *We do what we do, because we want what we want.*
- *We want what we want, because we think it will save us.*

Admonitions about Choosing a Savior

1. We often choose to put our trust in

_____ ones. 9:1-4

The Bible uses three basic metaphors to talk about how people relate to the idols of their hearts: they love idols, trust idols, and obey idols. ~Tim Keller

- Zechariah 4:6b

Some choose wealth as their savior

Some choose might or strength their savior

Some choose power or control as their savior

Some choose pleasure or happiness as their savior

Money disappears. Fame fades away. Children grow up and leave. Our friends fail us. Control is elusive. ~Dan Wickert

2. When a false one fails it should _____

US. 9:5-7

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- *When someone's false savior doesn't save them, when it fails them, we need to look for ours.*

3. The True One is not the one we would

_____. 9:8-10

- Isaiah 53:2b, John 5:17, Matthew 11:29

- *God's Savior is not the One we would choose, but He is the One we need.*

4. The True One is from _____ . 9:11-17

- *Salvation and the True Savior only come from God.*

5. Choose yours _____ . 10:1-2

- Hebrews 13:5b, 1 Samuel 5:1-5

All idols begin by offering great things for a very small price. All idols then fail, more and more consistently, to deliver on their original promises, while ratcheting up their demands, which initially seemed so reasonable, for worship and sacrifice. In the end they fail completely, even as they make categorical demands. In the memorable phrase of the psychiatrist Jeffrey Satinover, idols ask for more and more, while giving less and less, until eventually they demand everything and give nothing. ~Andy Crouch

Who or what are we putting our trust in?

Who or what have we chosen to be our

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