Fellowship Baptist Church, August 23, 2015 P.M. Message: "The Lord is My God"—Zechariah 13:9

INTRODUCTION: Zechariah 13:8-9, takes us into the future; the tribulation period. A time of great destruction. It is the time Daniel spoke of in 9:27. During the tribulation the Anti-Christ will seek to destroy the Jews and the people of God. Many will die but some will be saved.

- I. There will always be a remnant who trust God.—13:8
 - A. Two thirds will be destroyed, one third left.—Isa. 1:9; Matt. 24: Romans 11:5
 - B. Destruction comes because of disobedience.—Mal, 4:1-4; Isa. 65:12-15
- II. God's people purified by trials.—13:9. A.
 - A. God purges His people.—Isa. 1:25-27; 48:10
 - B. The purifying is for the benefit of God's people.
 - Ps. 66:10-12; Job 23:10; Mal. 3:1-4; Heb. 12:10
 - C. Today we also are purified by fire.—I Peter 1:6-7; 4:12-14
- III. Deliverance is because of a faith and trust in God. —v. 9, b.
 - A. God's people call and He hears.—Zech. 10:6; 12:10; Ps. 50:15; 91:15
 - B. The relationship between God and His people.
 - 1. They are My people.
 - 2. The lord is my God.
 - 3. Notice the personal pronoun, my.
 - C. The phrase, "The Lord is my God".
 - 1. "Lord"—Yhovah, (Jehovah), the self-existent one.
 - a. Name revealed to Moses at the burning bush.
 - b. The name was not pronounced by Israel.
 - c. Tradition has it that it was only pronounced once a year on the day of atonement.
 - d. According to Smith's Dictionary of the Bible:

"the name Jehovah designates his nature as he stands in relation to man, as the only almighty, true, personal, holy Being, a spirit and "the father of spirits,"

- 2. "God"—Elohim, The common name for God.
- 3. Jehovah, the "Self-existent one" is my God.

CONCLUSION: There is always a remnant that trust in God. It is faith and trust in God that will bring His people through tribulation now and through the Great Tribulation. How precious it is to realize that "The Lord is my God"!