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# Good News From Chardon

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#### **Schedule of Services**

Greeting: Mark Song Leader: Mark Opening Hymn:

**2—We're Marching To Zion** Opening Prayer: Robert

Hvmn:

342—When He Comes In Glory By And By

Scripture Reading: Ryan

John 12:12-19

Hymn:

**321—At The Cross** Lord's Supper: Tom

Hymn:

230—Let The Beauty Of Jesus Be Seen

Sermon: Mark Invitation Hymn:

598-Lord, I'm Coming Home

Closing Hymn:

575-Sunshine In My Soul

Closing Prayer: Dale

#### Zion

Zion: We sing about it, and we read about it, but do we really know what it is? The first occurrence of the word Zion is at 2 Samuel 5:7 — "Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion: the same is the city of David." Here, we see it is called "the city of David." Furthermore, it is most commonly known as Jerusalem. Let us consider some characteristics of Zion that might be beneficial to our lives.

Zion could not hide. The literal meaning of the word "Zion" is: "arid, or dry mountain, or hill." Jerusalem, or Zion, was just that: a city built on a hill or mountain. Often in the Scriptures, we can read about various people "going up" to Jerusalem, or Zion, and this terminology was often in reference to Jerusalem's elevation.

Zion was fortified. Again, consider 2 Samuel 5:7 — "Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion: the same is the city of David." The term "stronghold" refers to the city's defense system — it was fortified. Notice also two verses later: "So David dwelt in the fort, and called it the city of David. And David built round about from Millo and inward" (2 Samuel 5:9). The word "fort" means the city was fortified.

Zion was glorified. God glorified her, in His acceptance of David's chosen city and the making of it the central focus of the Israelite inherited land. David glorified her in choosing her, fortifying her, and making her the capital city of his kingdom. Solomon glorified her, in building the glorious temple and his own magnificent palace. The Jews glorified her. They were speak highly of Zion often. Unfortunately, they eventually glorified Jerusalem even above God.

Zion was prophesied. The term is used often in prophecy. Isaiah prophesied, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above

the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:2–3). "And Jesus, when he had found a young donkey, sat thereon; as it is written, Fear not, daughter of Zion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on a donkey's colt" (John 12:14–15, cited from Zechariah 9:9). "As it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob" (Romans 11:26, cited from Isaiah 59:20–21). "Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded" (1 Peter 2:6 & Romans 9:33, cited from Isaiah 28:16; cf. Psalm 118:22).

Zion, to the Jews, is the city where God abides. The temple was there, and the temple is where God abides, in the minds of the Jews.

Interestingly, we often sing, "We're marching to Zion, the beautiful city of God," with Heaven in mind, which is not entirely wrong. However, Hebrews 12:22–24 (PLEASE READ) indicates that "Zion," "the city of the living God" is the church, today. With this in mind, consider these interesting characteristics of the church: (1) The church cannot hide (Matthew 5:14–16); (2) The church is fortified (Ephesians 6:10–18); (3) The church is glorified (Ephesians 3:7–11); (4) The church was prophesied (cf. Isaiah 2:2–3, et al.). (5) The church is where God abides (Hebrews 12:22–24; cf. 2 Corinthians 6:16).

Clifton Angel preaches for the Coldwater Church of Christ in Coldwater, MS.

### **Behold Your King**

John 12:15

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**JERUSALEM LAZARUS MULTITUDE RAISED** 

Nov. 6—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am Speaker Mark. Business meeting

Nov. 8—(b) Debbie

Nov. 8-(b) Linda

Nov. 10-(b) Ben

Nov. 11—(b) Danielle

Nov. 11—(b) Pat

Nov. 13—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am

Speaker Tom

Nov. 14-(b) Allen

Nov. 16—(b) Kathy

Nov. 18—(b) Chelsea

Nov. 19—(b) Connor

Nov. 19-(b) Dillion

Mynda and all her family, as she travels

**Debbie's** surgery recovery; as her and **Mark** travel **Ackerman** family

Ruth is in rehab, Larry's car accident

Roberta, doing Bible study with Tom, body healing and Bible study with **Kris** 

Bonnie's grandson Devin as he reads and opens his heart to Christ

Wanda's migraines; son Allen, sisters Lorraine & Joyce Mary and her family. Carl's gout and hip surgery recovery, Mary's leg injury

Tom & Nina's 5-year-old great nephew, Bear Nicholas, now at home; Nina's health, pain.& procedures Kathy, her sister and friends. Kathy's foot healing,

Linda's health and procedures

Zarna and her family

Juanita as she recovers and her sister Betty and the rest of her family.

Ray and Barbara and their family.

**Dale's** health issues and his family. His friend **Riley** (age 6) who has cancer. Brother in Christ Darrell's surgery. His Aunt Rosie's heart and Lungs. His cousin with heart issues. Uncles house fire

Ray and his family Pat and her family

Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy.

SUNDAY: Bible Study—10:00 am, Worship—11:00 am

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DAUGHTER OF ZION

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