

## Looking Upon Him Whom We Have Pierced

**Text:** Zechariah 12:10-13:1

**Context** - Zechariah ("God Remembers") prophesied during the time after the return from Exile in Babylon. He was responsible for encouraging the people of God to finish rebuilding the temple. Chapters 1-8 took place during 520-518BC, while chapters 9-14 are estimated around 480-470BC.

**Main Idea** - God will send His messiah, who will cleanse His people from their sin.

### When looking upon him whom we have pierced...

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ **His identity (vs. 12:10a)**

- A. God is the one speaking in verse 10, and He speaks of Israel looking upon Himself, "whom they had pierced." This is a clear reference to the cross of Jesus (see John 19:37) and speaks clearly in the Old Testament to the deity of Christ.
- B. God the Son Himself took on human flesh (John 1:14) and died in our place for our sins on the cross (Philippians 2:8).

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ **yourself for mourning (vs. 12:10b-12:13)**

- A. The Hebrew verb "sāphadh" means "to mourn," "to wail" or "to lament," and is one of a variety of biblical terms that express various nuances of mourning in ancient times.
- B. This mourning and deep penitence is not some corporate emotion, but each person individually is brought to sorrow and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. (MacArthur Study Bible)
- C. This is also a New Testament expression as seen in James 4:9 - (HCSB) Be miserable and mourn and weep. Your laughter must change to mourning and your joy to sorrow.

#### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ **into the fountain (vs. 13:1)**

- A. The Lord will open up a fountain from the Messiah's piercing that will cleanse every believer from "sin and uncleanness."
- B. 1 John 1:7b (HCSB) ...and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.