

## Empty Religion (Zechariah 7)

**vv. 2-3:** Question from men from Bethel – shall I \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

- 5<sup>th</sup> month – remember the destruction of the \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ B.C.
- *As I have done these \_\_\_\_\_ – i.e., should I \_\_\_\_\_?*

**vv. 4-7:** The LORD's rebuke – 3 questions:

1. Was it really for \_\_\_\_\_ that you fasted? Or because of \_\_\_\_\_ loss?
2. When you eat and drink, is it not for \_\_\_\_\_
3. Isn't this the same \_\_\_\_\_ of God's \_\_\_\_\_ before captivity

**vv. 8-10:** Summary of the message

1. Judge with true \_\_\_\_\_
2. Practice \_\_\_\_\_ and compassions each to his \_\_\_\_\_
3. Goes with #1 – Do not \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov. 22:22-23)
4. Goes with #2 – Do not devise \_\_\_\_\_ in your \_\_\_\_\_

**vv. 11-12:** Summary of the response of Israelite forefathers

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| 1. They refused to _____            | } | Result:              |
| 2. They gave a _____ shoulder       |   | ( <b>vv. 13-14</b> ) |
| 3. They _____ their ears from _____ |   | God's                |
| 4. They _____ their _____           |   | _____                |

**Insights and Application** – Characteristics of \_\_\_\_\_ Religion

1. \_\_\_\_\_-centered vs. \_\_\_\_\_-centered
  - To get what \_\_\_\_\_ want vs. what \_\_\_\_\_ wants
  - \_\_\_\_\_-pleasure vs. \_\_\_\_\_ to God
2. Focused on \_\_\_\_\_ rather than the \_\_\_\_\_
  - Religious \_\_\_\_\_ (Isa. 29:13 → Mat. 15:7-9; Mt. 6:16-18)
  - Religious \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt. 6:1)
3. Substitutes human \_\_\_\_\_ for godly \_\_\_\_\_
  - Sorry over \_\_\_\_\_ of sin vs. the \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Sam. 15)
  - True repentance:
4. \_\_\_\_\_-centered vs. \_\_\_\_\_-centered
  - True religion treats others \_\_\_\_\_ (Jas. 1:27)
  - Gal. 6:10 vs. Prov. 6:14; 6:18; 12:20