

# Connection Group Participant Guide

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## Zechariah 5:1-4

### Introduction

Our text underscores the message of all Scripture, that we are to be holy as the Lord Himself is holy. God will judge all sin, including the sins of those who call themselves His people. Satan often deceives us into thinking that sin will get us what we really want in life, and that holiness is boring or that it robs us of fun. But the Bible is consistently clear that unchecked sin is like leprosy, spreading gradually but inevitably to disfigure and finally kill its victims. It defiles all that come into contact with it. On the other hand, holiness brings true and lasting joy, and the family of a man who fears God will be blessed (Ps. 128).

Another deceptive tactic of the enemy is to get us to think that because God's judgment is delayed, it will not happen at all. We look around and see people who flaunt their sin and yet seem to be prospering. We also see godly people who seem to suffer terribly. If we forget the clear teaching of the Bible, that God's judgment against sin will be relentless and thorough, and that He is the unfailing rewarder of those who seek Him (Heb. 11:6), we become vulnerable toward temptation and sin.

### Highlight

Which specific sins are mentioned as being written on the scroll (Zech. 5:3-4)? What will happen to the house wherein the scroll enters (Zech. 5:4)?

### Explain

Does this vision relate primarily to the future or the past? Who is it addressing?

### Apply

Zechariah saw a large scroll flying through the air. The angel said it was the curse going forth over the whole land. What is it that brings the curse? It is disobedience to God's law (see Deut. 27:26; 28:15; Isa. 24:5-6). How do you strive for obedience in your own life?

### Respond in Prayer

Read through Psalm 1 and listen with your heart to what it has to say. We recommend praying through this text on your own at home and together with your Connection Group.

