

The background is a stained glass window. The central panel features a figure, possibly a prophet or saint, with long, flowing white hair and a beard. The figure is wearing a white robe with a wide collar and is holding a staff in their right hand and a scroll in their left. The figure is set against a golden background with intricate line work. The surrounding panels are filled with various colors, including shades of blue, yellow, and green, with some depicting foliage and architectural elements.

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**Our windows were originally installed in 1907.**

**Their symbols give us a glimpse of who God is and what He has done for us.**

**Symbol: Wheat**



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“For there shall be a sowing of peace. The vine shall give its fruit, and the ground shall give its produce, and the heavens shall give their dew. And I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things. And as you have been a byword of cursing among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so will I save you, and you shall be a blessing. Fear not, but let your hands be strong.”

*Zechariah 8:12-13*

**God is promising a blessing to the nation of Israel  
- to restore them after years of captivity**

## **God Promises Blessings on His People**

Maybe you don't feel blessed.  
**The people of Israel probably felt that way.**

- The land they returned to was devastated
- They were surrounded by enemies
- They were under Persian rule

**God gave Zechariah words of promise about the future to encourage His people to persevere in the present.**

**The certainty of His word can encourage us to be faithful in the trials of the present.**



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### **Blessings Are from God for His Glory**

“you will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.”

*2 Corinthians 9:11*

**God gives to His people – in turn we are to bless others.  
There is great responsibility in this.**

“Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.” *Proverbs 3:27*

*What is a Blessing?*

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**God Is Faithful**

***2 Kings 7***

**How is God being faithful to you?  
Are you doing your part to share the blessings?**

***God always keeps his promises.  
God fulfills prophecies.  
If He said it, you can believe in it.***



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### **God Is Faithful**

**“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” *Lamentations 3:22-23***

**God is always working on behalf of His people.  
God is always providing.  
God is always leading through the Holy Spirit.**

**God faithfully provides salvation.  
*Salvation comes from God through Jesus the Son.  
This is the greatest blessing of all.***

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**We Bless Others by Showing Them How to Find God**

**God's blessings require a holy response.**

**We don't just kick back and wait for "all blessings to flow."  
We are called to work – we must take part in God's plan**

**"Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Let your hands be strong, you who in these days have been hearing these words from the mouth of the prophets who were present on the day that the foundation of the house of the Lord of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built."**

*Zechariah 8:9*



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### **We Bless Others by Showing Them How to Find God**

**It's not easy, but God promises ultimate victory. The deal is already sealed! "... I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" *Matthew 16:18***

### **Jesus is our Ultimate Blessing**

*Jesus is the answer – and we have a responsibility to share the greatest blessing of all.*

**We are Blessed to Be a Blessing  
Don't just let it happen – make a plan.**

The background is a stained glass window with a central figure. The figure is a man with a long, white beard and hair, wearing a white robe with a white sash. He is holding a staff in his right hand and a scroll in his left hand. The background is a mix of yellow, blue, and green colors, with a grid pattern of dark lines. The text "Stained Glass Series" is written in a black, cursive font across the top of the image.

*Stained Glass Series*

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