



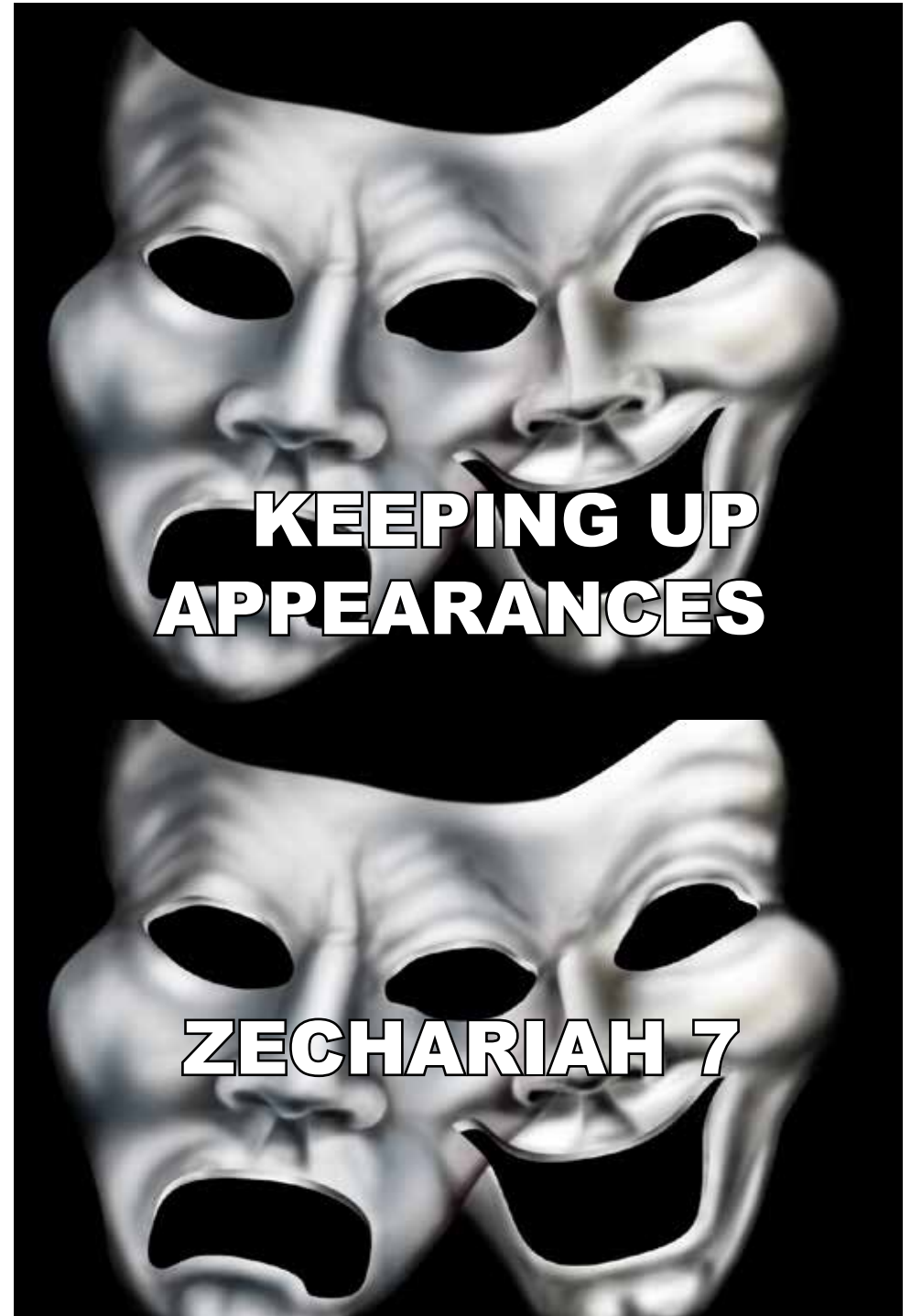
**A PRINCIPAL INSTRUCTION -
V8-10**

And the Lord spoke his word to
Zechariah again, saying,
"This is what the Lord All-
Powerful says: 'Do what is right
and true. Be kind and merciful
to each other.
Don't hurt widows and orphans,
foreigners or the poor; don't
even think of doing evil to
somebody else.'

**A PORTRAYED
INDIFFERENCE - V11-12A**
"But they refused to pay
attention; they were
stubborn and did not
want to listen anymore
They made their hearts as
hard as rock and would
not listen to the teachings
of the Lord All-Powerful.



A POWERFUL INFURIATION - 12B-14
And they would not hear the words he
sent by his Spirit through the earlier
prophets. So the Lord All-Powerful
became very angry. "When I called to
them, they would not listen. So when
they called to me, I would not listen,"
says the Lord All-Powerful. 'I scattered
them like a hurricane to other countries
they did not know. This good land was
left so ruined behind them that no one
could live there. They had made the
desired land a ruin.'





DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LICENSE, LEGALISM AND LIBERTY?



A PROBING INQUIRY - V1-3

In the fourth year Darius was king, on the fourth day of the ninth month, which is called Kislev, the Lord spoke his word to Zechariah.

The city of Bethel sent Sharezer, Regem-Melech, and their men to ask the Lord a question.

They went to the prophets and priests who were at the Temple of the Lord All-Powerful. The men said, "For years in the fifth month of each year we have shown our sadness and fasted. Should we continue to do this?"

Legalism

Read Matthew 23

Liberty

Read Romans 14 (weaker brother/sister), Galatians 5:1, 2 Corinthians 3:17

License

Read Galatians 5:13-15, Romans 6

Legalism is marked by:

1. Power and control
2. Externals (looking good on the outside is most important)
3. Demanding honor
4. Feeding pride
5. Blindness to their state (not self aware).
6. Judgmentalism
7. Value gold more than God
8. Lack of justice
9. Hypocrisy
10. Lawlessness
11. Persecute the innocent

Liberty is marked by:

1. Meekness and surrender
2. Internal motivation to do right (being good)
3. Grant honor to others
4. Feeding sheep
5. Awareness of their heart (Self awareness)
6. Grace oriented
7. Value God more than gold
8. Mercy for the weak
9. Authenticity
10. Lawful with joy
11. Defend the innocent

License is marked by:

1. Lack of control
2. Lack of motivation to do right (conscience not working)
3. Lacks personal honor
4. Feeding sin nature (enslaved)
5. Awareness of heart, but don't care to change.
6. Sin-oriented
7. Value pleasure more than God
8. Blindness to needs, narcissism
9. Situational identity, chameleon
10. Lawless for pleasure's sake
11. Apathy about anyone else



A PROBLEM OF INTENTION - V4-7

The Lord All-Powerful spoke his word to me, saying, "Tell the priests and the people in the land: 'For seventy years you fasted and cried in the fifth and seventh months, but that was not really for me.

And when you ate and drank, it was really for yourselves.

The Lord used the earlier prophets to say the same thing, when Jerusalem and the surrounding towns were at peace and wealthy, and people lived in the southern area and the western hills."