

The Book of Ezekiel  
"Ezekiel's Call- Part 3"  
Week 5: March 1, 2020  
Ezekiel 3:16-27  
Answers

Recap from Session 4:

**Ezekiel 3: The Preparation of the Prophet**

- Being a priest, Ezekiel knew that the Hebrew Scripture pictured God's Word as food to be received within the **Heart** and **Digested** inwardly.
- No man ought to **Preach** the Word whose heart is **Not** in it and who does not believe every word he says. The pulpit is the place to **Declare** God's Word.
- Ezekiel declared God's Word as a **Messenger (3:4-9)**, A **Sufferer (3:10-15)**, a **Watchman (3:16-21)**, and a **Sign (3:22-27)**.
  - o The **Messenger (Vss. 4-9)**
    - **Speaking**
    - **Receiving**
    - **Obeying**
  - o The **Sufferer (Vss. 10-15)**
    - The **Spirit of God** lifted the prophet up and took him to the place where the captives were gathered together and probably praying.
    - It is **Not** simply enough to **Proclaim** the message of God; we must also **Seek** to have the **Caring** heart of God.

Session 5

**1. The Watchman (Vss. 16-21)**

- a. The watchmen on the walls were important to the **Safety** of the **City**, and the image shows up frequently throughout scripture.
  - i. The emphasis here is on **Judgment** while in **Ezekiel 33** it is on hope, but the message is the same: **The prophet must be Faithful to warn the people of judgment, and the people must Heed the warning and Turn from their sin.**
  - ii. Spiritually speaking, the wall that protected Israel was their **Covenant** relationship with the Lord.
- b. **Vss. 18-21:** There are Four Cases that we need to discuss.
  - i. The **Habitual** Sinner who is not warned (**Vs. 18**)
  - ii. The Sinner who is warned but **Does not** repent (**Vs. 19**)
  - iii. The Righteous man who **Apostatizes** but is not warned (**Vs. 20**)
  - iv. The Righteous man who is **Warned** and **Remains** righteous (**Vs. 21**)
- c. **"Fall from Grace?"**
  - i. **Vs. 20 and Gal. 5:4**
    - 1. This is **Not** speaking of salvation but of those who have been saved by grace but have **Fallen** down to a **Legal** level and are attempting to live by the **Law** instead of living by **Grace**.
- d. **"Under Grace"**

- i. We are constituted **Righteous** by faith in Jesus Christ. We are **Saved** by grace through faith. **(Rom. 4:5)**
    - ii. The true believer today may fall into sin, but he will not deliberately **Practice** and **Live** in sin. **(I Jn. 3:9)**
      - 1. If a believer falls into sin, a gracious provision is made- we have an **Advocate** with the Father- and we can come to Him in confession of our sins.
  - e. Ezekiel is the prophet of human responsibility. He presented Four Scenarios as mentioned above.
    - i. **Scenario #1:** The people **Dying** because the watchman.
      - 1. Their blood would be on the watchman's hands and he would be held accountable. **(Ezek. 3:18; Ezek. 18:13)**
    - ii. **Scenario #2:** The Watchman being faithful to **Warn** the wicked, but they **Refuse** to listen **(Ezek. 3:19)**
    - iii. **Scenario #3:** The Righteous dying because they turned from their covenant **Obedience** and the watchman **Did Not** warn them. **(Ezek. 3:20)**
    - iv. **Scenario #4:** The Righteous **Heeding** the watchman's warning and not being **Judged**. **(Ezek. 3:21)**
      - 1. These four examples were given to Jewish people under the old covenant and have to do with obedience to the law and the danger of physical death.
      - 2. The **Righteousness of the Law** was **External**, but the Righteousness we have through **Faith** in Jesus Christ is **Internal**, and the two must not be confused. **(Rom. 9:30-10:13)**
  - f. **Vs. 21:** The **Main Issue** of a watchman was not to deliver results, but to give warning. What those warned do with that warning is **Not Your** responsibility. The role of the watchman is an **Informational** Role.
2. **The Sign (Vss. 22-27)**
- a. Ezekiel not only **Spoke** God's Word to the people, but he also **Lived** before them in such a way that they saw God's message portrayed before their very eyes.
    - i. You will find the prophet performing twelve "**Action Sermons**" to convey God's truth to people who were becoming more and more deaf to the voice of God.
  - b. **What About Glory?**
    - i. **Glory is something that produces a Sensation on all of our senses.**
      - 1. Glory has **Size**. **(Ps. 19:1)**
      - 2. Glory has **Beauty** to it. **(Isa. 63:1)**
      - 3. There is **Majesty** about Glory. **(Ps. 8:1)**
      - 4. Glory sets forth **Honor** and **Dignity**. **(Dan. 5:18)**
    - ii. **The Impact of Glory**
      - 1. It **Mounted** up from the threshold to the Eastern Gate of the Temple's Outer court **(Ezek. 10:15)**
      - 2. It went **Up** from the midst of the city to the **Mount of Olives** on the East side of the city **(Ezek. 11:22)**
      - 3. But it will **Return** to fill the **New** Temple and **Cleanse** the people **(Ezek. 44:4)**