Ezekiel 23-24

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INTRODUCTION

- So really grace involves obedience. Obedience doesn't nullify grace.
- The book of Ezekiel … certainly illustrates the point that if indeed we love God who loves us, obedience is involved, isn't it?
- But it is impossible to ignore God's way and God's will.

1 The Sword Sharpened Against Jerusalem

Amos 9

- So toward Jerusalem, and preach against the holy places and prophesy against the land of Israel, verse 2 of chapter 21.
- But you don't say that with arrogance or self-righteousness, there will be a sense of caring.
- And so it was kind of again a self-deception that as though we'll be protected and we'll stand.
- But nevertheless, the throne is the right of the Son of God of Jesus Christ.

2 A Man to Stand in the Gap

- Stand for someone who would really stand up for righteousness.
- The prophets who have only built walls that were untempered, and the priest who really had not distinguished between the holy and the unholy.
- And let's learn lessons from the past because history does have a way of repeating itself.
- So even if the righteous die, that doesn't mean that they've really lost or perished, but rather they're cut off from the evil that would be yet to occur.

3 A Parable of Two Immoral Sisters

Ezekiel 23:5–6; Ezekiel 23:11; Ezekiel 23:25

- Ahola played the harlot even though she was mine.
- Instead of turning with faith to the Lord, we're going to seek your help, and we'll pay you money to come.
- She was drawn by what the eye could see and what the hand could hold, and the things that had to do with the immediate pleasures.
- Judah had every opportunity to repent to learn the lesson. But Judah was worse than her sister.
- He is a God of grace. He is a God of love. But he wants people to respond to him and to love him.

4 You Have Forgotten Me

Ezekiel 23:35; Ezekiel 23:38–39; John 8

- Because you have forgotten me and cast me behind your back. Therefore you shall bear the penalty of your lewdness and your harlotry.
- We forget God when we refuse to obey him without additions or subtractions.
- If you want to remember God, you're going to do what he says and the way he said it, without any alteration.
- He measured that woman's heart. As he measured these people's heart. And these people were found lacking because they had no heart for God.

5 The Rusty Old Cauldron

Ezekiel 24:1–14; 2 Kings 25

- Son of man, write down the name of the day, this very day.
- This city is the cauldron, and we are the meat.
- They had some problems as they came back, but they didn't commit idolatry again. They were cured of their idolatry.

6 The Death of Ezekiel's Wife

- It was the desire of his eyes.
- When Jerusalem falls, you're going to be shocked. You're going to be so astounded.
- You're going to think, How could this have happened? You don't think it will, but it will.

MY NOTES