Ezekiel 31-32

John Stough · Ezekiel 33:1–33

INTRODUCTION

- Chapters 25 through 32. The coming judgment on wicked nations, and there were seven of them named.
- But there is hope as explained in chapters 33 through 48. And we'll see a glimmer of the hope in today's lesson.

1 Are You a Watchman for the Lord?

Ezekiel 22:30; Ezekiel 33:1–6; Amos 3:6

- Today's study is about a watchman. Are you a watchman for the Lord?
- You've got to watch out for yourself first in respect to the Lord, because if you're not pure and righteous, how can you watch for other people to teach other people?
- I searched for a man among them who would build a wall and stand in the gap for me in the land so that I would not destroy it. But I found no one.
- But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, … his blood I will require from the watchman's hand.

2 The Lord Had Placed Watchmen from the Beginning

- The message must start from the individual and spread forth.
- Adam for Eve and Eve for Adam. Were they not watchmen for one another?
- Abel for Cain and Cain for Abel. Am I my brother's keeper? Absolutely. You are or you should have been.
- In Ezekiel's day, the watchman should have been the priests, princes, prophets, and the people.

3 The Watchman's Duty

Ezekiel 33:7–16

- I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. Therefore, you shall hear a word from my mouth and warn them for me.
- I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn from your evil ways. For why should you die, O house of Israel?
- Preach the word. Be ready. In season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with great patience and instruction. Is that not our duty?
- The Apostle Paul did all these things, and his testimony was, I am innocent of the blood of all men.

4 The Way of the Lord Is Right

Ezekiel 33:17–20

- Yet your countrymen say the way of the Lord is not just. But it is their way that is not just.

- When our friends and acquaintances and co-workers say to us, the way of the Lord is not right, what is our response?
- From a compassionate heart, preach the word, … And say to them, the way of the Lord is right.
- For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body according to what he has done, whether good or whether bad.

5 You're Not Like Abraham

Ezekiel 33:23–29; 2 Kings 21:1–16

- Abraham was only one, and he inherited the land. But we are many. The land has been given to us as a possession.
- You eat meat with blood, you lift up your eyes toward idols and shed blood. Should you then possess the land?
- Abraham kept the covenant. … They broke it in every way. So the comparison couldn't be more extreme.
- What is their sword? Is it not their own wisdom as opposed to the Lord's sword, which is his word.

6 They Hear Your Words but Do Not Do Them

Ezekiel 33:30–33; Jeremiah 6:10

- They come to you as people come and sit before you as my people and hear your words, but they do not do them.
- Their game to us today could be many things. It could be world, just worldly things, it could be riches.
- See if you can find somebody that you know that gets into this category. And pray that it's not yourself.
- This people honors me with their lips, but with their heart is far away from me.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **All of us are going to be judged, folks. Repent.**

MY NOTES