Ezekiel Lesson 2-3

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INTRODUCTION

- If you felt frustrated somewhat as a parent, perhaps you can understand even the lesson today, how God must have felt, maybe even more so than as a parent.
- As we read through the book of Ezekiel, we're going to find the first 24 chapters particularly are going to be God's anger being expressed.

1 Sent to Impudent and Stubborn Children

Ezekiel 2:3–4; Isaiah 6:9–10; Jeremiah 1:17–19

- Son of man, I am sending you to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me.
- For they are impudent and stubborn children. I'm sending you to them, and you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord God.
- Literally, hard of face, and then they are stiff-hearted, which is hard of heart. They just are stubborn.
- Because they've stopped their ears. They closed their eyes. They don't want to hear.

2 Why Would the Lord Send Them Anyway?

Isaiah 55:11; 2 Timothy 4:2–4; Ezekiel 2:5

- You go out, they're stubborn, they're rebellious, they won't hear. But you go anyway. Because I'm with you.
- God is fair. He wants this word to be spoken.
- It shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish what I please.
- Whether you want it or don't want it, at least you need to know, thus says the Lord. Here is God's will.

3 Do Not Be Rebellious Like Them

Ezekiel 2:6–8; Jeremiah 20:7–9

- But you, son of man, what I say, do not be rebellious like them.
- Be careful that you don't just get so frustrated at this and just stop. And become like them.
- His word was in my heart like a burning fire. Shut up in my bones. I was weary of holding it back, and I could not.
- But don't get like them and just shut your book and shut your tongue from speaking it. Keep on keeping on.

4 Sweet in the Mouth, Bitter in the Belly

Ezekiel 2:9–3:3; Revelation 10:9–10; Psalm 119:103

- Son of man, eat what you find, eat this scroll and go speak to the house of Israel.

- So I ate, and it was in my mouth like honey and sweetness.
- It was sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter.
- That brings a bitterness or a woe, a sense of sorrow in your heart for them.

5 Whether They Hear or Whether They Refuse

Ezekiel 3:4–11; Zechariah 7:11–12; Matthew 11:21–24

- But the house of Israel will not listen to you because they will not listen to me.
- Whether they hear it or whether they don't hear it, I want you to go speak it. They are rebellious, but you speak it.
- They shrugged their shoulders, stopped their ears so that they could not hear.
- It'll be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you.

6 I've Made You a Watchman

Ezekiel 3:17–21; Acts 18:6; Hebrews 3:12–14

- Son of man I've made you a watchman for the house of Israel. Therefore hear a word from my mouth and give them warning from me.
- Yet if you warn the wicked and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity. But you've delivered your soul.
- Your work is at least to warn. It's not your responsibility that caused him to obey or respond to God.
- Lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God.

MY NOTES