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a study through Ezekiel 18

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Ezekiel 18:1-4

What's the background? • 2 Kings 21:10-16; 23:26-27; 24:3 What does the proverb mean? What did the Law teach? **Exodus 20:4-6; Deuteronomy 24:16; 2 Kings 14:6;** Jeremiah 31:29-30 What does this mean for me? John 3:17-21; Matthew 23:29-36; Peter 2:18-20; 2 Corinthians 5:10

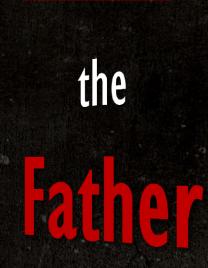
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Ezekiel 18:5-9

- What's is God looking for?
- For sure the weak sinner Isaiah 64:6; Titus 3:4-7; Zechariah 3:1-4
- A faithful individual Ephesians 2:8-10; Romans 3:21-27
- The righteous Revelation 22:11; Romans 4:3
 "For what does the Scripture say,
 'Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.'"



Ezekiel 18:10-13

- Remember Manasseh's father?
- It was Hezekiah! So what happened? 2 Kings 21:2
 Faith cannot be inherited anymore than sin can!

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We can deeply affect those we love the most: Proverbs 19:26; I Timothy 3:4-5, 11; Titus 1:6

Ezekiel 18:14-18

Remember Manasseh's son?

- It was Amon! Remember his son? Josiah!
- He was only 8, right?
- Ok, what about his great-grandfather Hezekiah? Who was his father? Ahaz! Look at 2 Kings 17:41-18:4.

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This is wonderful news!

• Our environment is not omnipotent . . . that belongs to God. He's shown us the way out.

Ezekiel 18:19-24

Why not suffer? 19-20

• They weren't suffering. They were being punished for their own sin.

Our Just Father! 21-24

- Guess what happened with Manasseh? 2 Chronicles 33:11-19
- What if I messed up "big time?" I Corinthians 15:10
 - Habits are not omnipotent either! Can people really RGHTEOUS change? FATHER

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Our past faithfulness does not demand God's grace. \mathbf{O}

Ezekiel 18:25-32

That's not fair! 25-29

• We want God's faithfulness . . . and His unfaithfulness? 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Repent and turn! 30-32

- Don't allow iniquity to RUIN you!
- God can't give you His heart . . . this calls for responsibility.

Listen to the Lord's words: "Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the LORD GOD, so TURN, and LIVE." our

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