

EZEKIEL 3; July 8; Ezekiel Charged to Warn the Wicked

ANALYSIS:

1. By what title does the LORD speak to Ezekiel in this chapter?

2. Who is Ezekiel to speak to, _____
and not to speak to? _____

3. What had the LORD done to Ezekiel's face and forehead? _____

4. What was Ezekiel to do as a watchman unto Israel to deliver his soul?

5. Where did the LORD send Ezekiel to speak to the Israel exiles?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Does verse 18 teach that an unregenerate soul will die in his sins and go to hell and his blood will be required at your hand if you fail to warn him? [This verse is used in decisional regeneration circles to motivate "soul winners" to get "decisions."] What is the answer? Start with: What is the context? We examine context by answering the following questions. Who? Whom? Why? When? What? and Where?

There are good reasons to be concerned to warn someone who is living a sinful life. We are taught to seek the conversion of such a brother, which will benefit him and all around him (Jam 5:19-20). Warning a brother early in his sin can save him from public exposure (Matt 18:15). The church is commanded to judge and exclude an unrepentant sinner (Matt 18:16-17) and those whose sin is commonly reported (I Cor 5:1, 11-13). An early warning from a compassionate brother or sister might deliver him or her from church exclusion.

HELP:

1. Son of man (vs 1, 3, 4, 10, 17, 25).
2. Speak to Israel, not to people of a strange speech and hard language (vs 1, 5).
3. Made his face strong against their faces, his forehead strong against their foreheads (v 8).
4. Give Israel warning from the LORD (v 17).
5. At Tel-abib by the river Chebar (v 15, 23).