

A Reminder from Ezekiel
Ezekiel 18:19-22
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Thesis: I want to show a very important reminder we have from Ezekiel.

Intro: 1. I want to show some important reminders that we find from Ezekiel.
2. Today we will look at the true condition of man and God, what is fair and what isn't fair.

I. Carry your own load (a question answered)

A. Why can't the child bear the guilt of the father (**v.19a**)

1. Why can't someone else carry my sinful load?
2. Why can't I cast my faults on someone else?

B. Why, because he has done what is right. (**v.19b-20**)

1. Because the son has done what is right, what is pleasing to God.
2. No man can carry the sin of someone else, no one but Christ.
 - a. **Gal 6:4-5** – bear your own load.

II. Application of the Answer

A. Turn and Live (**Ezk 18:21-22**)

1. Turning from sin to God is repentance.
2. Repentance brings forgiveness and sins no longer being remaindered by God. (v.22)
 - a. Righteousness here, is described as a work, (v.22b)

B. Wickedness has a price each must bear

1. God takes no pleasure in man dying in their sins (**v.23**)
2. Just as sin is wiped away by faithful obedience, faithful obedience is wiped out by turning from God to a lifestyle of sin. (**v.24**)

III. Lessons for Us Today

A. God's way is fair (**Ezk 18:25-26**)

1. God's way is fair, man's sin is the problem, God is not the problem.
 - a. Not unlike today, men often cry "foul" even though they are the ones in the wrong (v.25a)
2. Man is the problem (v.26)

B. Man departing from God is not fair (**v.27-29**)

1. God reminds us that it's man's betrayal that is not fair.
 - a. It's not fair to God that men will turn from Him and choose sin over Him.
 - b. God wants man to live, man however doesn't always live in such a way that it's possible.
2. Faithfulness to God is fair, disobedience is not fair, we are robbing God of what He deserves when we are unfaithful.

Application & Conclusion:

1. Because we bear our own load, we must turn to God in order to live (**v.30**)
2. Why should you die in sin, cast sins away, find a new spirit, a new heart and live (**v.31-32**)
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11-12, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent & Pray: James 5:16, 1 John 1:9