

GOD'S DESIRE FOR ALL PEOPLE

(Ezekiel 18)

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. A brief overview of Israel and Ezekiel's current situation:
- B. A brief overview of what was covered in chapters 1-17:

II. GOD IS BETTER THAN FAIR: (*Ezekiel 18*)

- A. The objections the Jewish people had with God: (*vs. 1-3*)
 - 1. It's not my fault
 - 2. God is not fair: (*v. 25, v. 29*)
- B. Every soul belongs to God (and thus we are accountable to Him): (*v. 4*)
- C. Repentance is the pathway to mercy: (*v. 30; Matt. 3:2; Matt. 4:17; Acts 3:19*)
- D. God not only forgives our sins, He remembers them no more: (*vv. 21-22; Heb. 8:12; Jer. 31:34; Psalms 103:11-12*)
- E. God is for us and doesn't want any to die separated from Him: (*vv. 23, 32; Ezek. 33:11*)

III. APPLICATIONS:

- A. The victim mentality will always cause us to justify wrong behavior and never take ownership that leads to repentance.
- B. When we question the fairness of God we fully miss the true picture of His forgiveness, our sin, His ownership, and what He did at the cross.
- C. God calls us all to repentance as a warning of danger and out of His love towards us.