

The Promise of Life

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Reflection - Death, Decay, Disgrace

vs 1-2 The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley bones that were very dry.

The Radical Question - Can these bones live?

vs 3a He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

Situations may be hopeless - our God is NOT

The Reply - Sovereign Lord, you know

vs 3b I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know."

The Request - Speak & Prophecy

Vs 4 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, "Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!"

The Response - Obedience

vs 5-6 This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones; I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord"

Genesis 1:2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the **Spirit** of God was hovering over the waters.

Vs 7-8 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them

Vs 9-10 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.' " So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

The Result - Miraculous Transformation

Vs 10-14

John 10:10 (NKJV) The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.