

Ezekiel 6-7 – 10 May 2015

Introduction –

What is repentance? We hear things like Matt 3:8 – “Bring forth fruits meet for repentance” and say, “What does that mean”?

I believe Eze 6-7 will break repentance down into 5 parts...so we can understand how to apply it much better!

Facing The Giants movie clip -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYoB3QyAF88>

What does God crave from sinful people that need to repent?

6:1-7

1. The land (mountains) will be purged of idolatry
2. See Chapter 34

What does God crave from sinful people that need to repent? #1 Acceptance of His sovereignty

3. **That you may know that I am the Lord.**
 - a. Phrase used 62 times in Ezekiel
 - b. Eze 38 God judges Gog so “the whole world will know that He is God”.

4. The Jews were given much blessing and “to whom much is given, much is required”.

5. Read Acts 20:21

6:8-10

1. I will leave a remnant, that will know of Me.

What does God crave from sinful people that need to repent? #2 Remorse over sin

2. They will loathe their sin. God wants brokenness

a. Psa 34:18

b. Psa 147:3

3. Read Heb 6:1

4. God will keep His Word (the blessings & cursings)

a. We should too

6:11-14

1. In the very places of their sin, the consequence would be seen and made known.

a. People trust in a new boyfriend instead of going the way of the Lord, only to see that relationship end in sin.

7:1-4

1. Lots of repeating in this chapter b/c it's a chapter of poetry.

What does God crave from sinful people that need to repent? #3 Calling for mercy not justice

2. How often we cry out for justice.
 - a. We really don't want to be judged "according to [our] ways".
 - b. We really should be crying out for mercy and grace.**
 - c. Read Matt 9:13**

7:5-8

1. "The morning has come"
 - a. All things evil have happened in the night and now the morning of light and truth and judgment is coming.
 - b. I Thes 5:4-5
 - c. I Pet 2:9

7:9-13 – To see what is valuable – (9-19)

1. Sellers don't mourn b/c the value of that land will be nothing in a short time anyway.

2. Buyers don't rejoice that you've gained land b/c the land's value will be nothing in a short time.

7:14-16

1. Initial reaction to getting ourselves in a sinful jam is often to blame others / blame God.
2. As we pause and dwell; we finally start to mourn over our sin.
3. Oh, if we could just come to that place immediately

7:17-19

What does God crave from sinful people that need to repent? #4 Esteem for God as towards the only necessity

1. Which is more valuable?
 - a. A brand new truck or a glass of water?
 - i. It's relative
 - b. Favor w/ B. Obama or favor with a mechanic?
 - i. It's relative
 - c. Favor w/ B. Obama or favor with God?
 - i. Favor with God is always relevant!
 - ii. It's always more valuable!
 - iii. *It's the only thing that will satisfy!*

2. Psa 90:14 O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
3. **Read Job 23:12**

7:20-22

1. B/c they've polluted the Temple with idols of the heathen, I'll give it over to the heathen.

7:23-27

What does God crave from sinful people that need to repent? #5 Victory over sin now

1. God only holds off judgment for so long.
 - a. The space of time to repent isn't limitless
 - b. It's the best thing that Ezekiel can do is to warn the people to repent now.
 - c. Don't let God's mercy and grace in your life keep you from repenting today. If you wait til tomorrow, you may have to reap the consequences of your sin.
2. **Read Eph 5:15-16**

Conclusion

So, now we know how well we're doing with repentance by looking at its parts.

#1 – **Acceptance of His sovereignty** – We turn toward God, accepting that what He allows is best.

#2 – **Remorse over sin** – A disgust of sin that turns us away from it in brokenness.

#3 – **Calling for mercy, not justice** – Living by the principal that we cannot live in the world of justice and sacrifice and offering...we need to get...and give mercy.

#4 – **Esteem for God as towards the only necessity** – God is all that will last and is satisfying

#5 – **Victory over sin now** – He wants us to have a full lifetime to honor Him!

May God bless you in your endeavor to teach your kids, your grandkids or yourself the attributes of true repentance!