

### The Soul who Sins Shall Die

Eze 18:1-32 The word of the LORD came to me again, saying, (2) "What do you mean when you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying: 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, And the children's teeth are set on edge'? (3) "*As* I live," says the Lord GOD, "you shall no longer use this proverb in Israel. (4) "Behold, all souls are Mine; The soul of the father *As* well as the soul of the son is Mine; **The soul who sins shall die.** (5) **But if a man is just And does what is lawful and right;** (6) If he has not eaten on the mountains, Nor lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, Nor defiled his neighbor's wife, Nor approached a woman during her impurity; (7) If he has not oppressed anyone, *But* has restored to the debtor his pledge; Has robbed no one by violence, *But* has given his bread to the hungry And covered the naked with clothing; (8) **If he has** not exacted usury Nor taken any increase, **But has withdrawn his hand from iniquity And executed true judgment between man and man;** (9) **If he has walked in My statutes—And kept My judgments faithfully—He is just; He shall surely live!"** Says the Lord GOD.

(10) "If he begets a son *who is* a robber Or a shedder of blood, *Who* does any of these *things* (11) And does none of those *duties*, *But* has eaten on the mountains Or defiled his neighbor's wife; (12) If he has oppressed the poor and needy, Robbed by violence, Not restored the pledge, Lifted his eyes to the idols, *Or* committed abomination; (13) If he has exacted usury Or taken increase—**Shall he then live? He shall not live! If he has done any of these abominations, He shall surely die; His blood shall be upon him.**

(14) "*If*, however, **he begets a son Who sees all the sins which his father has done, And considers but does not do likewise;** (15) *Who* has not eaten on the mountains, Nor lifted his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, Nor defiled his neighbor's wife; (16) Has not oppressed anyone, Nor withheld a pledge, Nor robbed by violence, *But* has given his bread to the hungry And covered the naked with clothing; (17) *Who* has withdrawn his hand from the poor *And* not received usury or increase, *But* has executed My judgments And walked in My statutes He shall not die for the iniquity of his father; He shall surely live! (18) "*As for* his father, Because he cruelly oppressed, Robbed his brother by violence, And did what *is* not good among his people, Behold, he shall die for his iniquity. (19) "Yet you say, 'Why should the son not bear the guilt of the father?' Because the son has done what is lawful and right, and has kept all My statutes and observed them, he shall surely live.

(20) **The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.** (21) **"But if a wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed, keeps all My statutes, and does what is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die.** (22) None of the transgressions which he has committed shall be remembered against him; because of the righteousness which he has done, he shall live.

(23) **Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?"** says the Lord GOD, **"and not that he should turn from his ways and live?"** (24) "But when a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked *man* does, shall he live? All the righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; because of the unfaithfulness of which he is guilty and

the sin which he has committed, because of them he shall die.

(25) "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' Hear now, O house of Israel, is it not My way which is fair, and your ways which are not fair? (26) **When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness, commits iniquity, and dies in it, it is because of the iniquity which he has done that he dies.** (27) **Again, when a wicked man turns away from the wickedness which he committed, and does what is lawful and right, he preserves himself alive.** (28) **Because he considers and turns away from all the transgressions which he committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.**

(29) Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' O house of Israel, is it not My ways which are fair, and your ways which are not fair? (30) **"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways," says the Lord GOD. "Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin.** (31) **Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel?** (32) **For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," says the Lord GOD. "Therefore turn and live!"**

We are instructed by Jesus to be faithful, persevere, even unto death and to hold fast to what we have that no one would take our crown (Revelation 2:10, 3:11). The saints of God must be patient and enduring in keeping the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus (Revelation 14:12).

But there are those who have come into the kingdom who will not persevere, who will not be patient, who will not endure, but will return back to their vomit. The author of Hebrews warns against people who think they can continue repenting from vomit to eternal life to vomit again. In actuality, the author of Hebrews states it is literally impossible to **renew again** by repentance, once you have already been renewed.

*(Heb 6:4-6) For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.*

*(Heb 10:26-31) For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord. And again, "THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE." It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

Many in the kingdom do not realize that falling into the hands of God – coming into the kingdom – was actually a fearful thing to do. Why? Accountability! He will hold us accountable to a much higher standard because we have known the truth and willingly agreed that it is the truth.

If we sin **willfully** (being the operative word here) after receiving the knowledge of the truth, that would mean that we have trodden underfoot the Son of God. It means we have repented from God, from the eternal life He promised us, and now treat the blood of the new covenant that sanctified us as an unholy thing and grieve the Spirit of God like never before. It's an insult. A slap of the Lord's face. If we being partakers of the Holy Spirit, tasting the good word of God, and of the powers of the world to come fall away, we **cannot** renew ourselves again, like we were able to the first time.

Don't be mistaken. God will not be mocked (Gal 6:7). He will judge His people accordingly and they will be judged first because judgment begins in the house of God (1Pet 4:17). The New Covenant law does not give us license to sin but frees us and empowers us by the grace of God to serve Him pleasingly.

*(Eze 36:26-27) I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.*

Before Christ ascended, He enlightened His disciples that what just took place concerning Him was written beforehand and needed to be fulfilled. Then He commanded them to preach in His name, repentance and remission of sins to all nations.

*(Luk 24:45-47) And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*

In conclusion of this section of repentance, we see that:

1. Repentance – blood.
2. Water Baptism – water (confessing sins for the Remission of Sins – Forgiveness of sins).

These were the fruits brought forth that were worthy of repentance (Matt 3:7-9). This started with John the Baptist and concluded with Jesus:

3. John the Baptist – alluded to the one that would come after him and would baptize in the Holy Spirit – this was added by Jesus after His death, burial, and resurrection – the establishment of the New Covenant.

We have studied repentance and the fruit it brings forth. Let us remind ourselves that the beginnings or origins of the doctrine of Christ do not begin with repentance. It begins with repentance from dead works. Let us now study dead works to understand what is repentance from dead works.