

OUTLINE 06/07/26
New Opportunities
Ezekiel 18 (NIV)

¹The word of the Lord came to me: ²“What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel: ‘The parents eat sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³“As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. ⁴For everyone belongs to me, the parent as well as the child—both alike belong to me. The one who sins is the one who will die. Ezekiel 18:1-4

1. The opportunity for responsibility.

⁵“Suppose there is a righteous man... ¹⁰“Suppose he has a violent son, who sheds blood or does any of these other things... ¹⁴“But suppose this son has a son who sees all the sins his father commits, and though he sees them, he does not do such things: ... ²⁰ The one who sins is the one who will die. The child will not share the guilt of the parent, nor will the parent share the guilt of the child. The righteousness of the righteous will be credited to them, and the wickedness of the wicked will be charged against them. Ezekiel 18:5, 10, 14, 20

2. The opportunity for repentance.

²¹“But if a wicked person turns away from all the sins they have committed and keeps all my decrees and does what is just and right, that person will surely live; they will not die. ²² None of the offenses they have committed will be remembered against them. ²³ Do I take any pleasure in the death of the wicked? declares the Sovereign Lord. Rather, am I not pleased when they turn from their ways and live? ²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear, you Israelites: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust? Ezekiel 18:21-23, 25

3. The opportunity for renewal.

³⁰“Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. ³¹ Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, people of Israel? ³² For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent and live! Ezekiel 18:30-32

How to Receive Christ:

“Dear Jesus, thank You for loving me even though I’m a sinner. I ask for your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sin and that You rose from the dead. I trust You as my Savior and follow You as Lord, from this day forward. Amen.”

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Discussion Questions:

1. Why do people make excuses and blame others?
2. What does God say about personal responsibility for one’s actions?
3. What does repentance mean?
4. How can we be renewed?