Ezekiel - Commentaries by Paul J. Pascoe

CareLines: Volume 2, Satisfaction

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EZE 7:19

They shall not satisfy their souls . . . because their iniquity is their stumblingblock.

Ezek. 7:19 (marg.)

Rock singer Mick Jagger of the Rolling Stones was quoted in the newspaper: “I don’t want to sound like a spoiled child, but I’m still looking for fulfillment.” At the time of this quote he was 40 years old and in good health; he had personal wealth reportedly exceeding $10 million; he had fame as the lead singer of one of the most successful singing groups in history; and he had popularity which approached adoration. It seems from all reports that his life is spent in the pursuit of pleasure; nothing has been withheld from him - except satisfaction. NONE BUT CHRIST CAN SATISFY.

CareLines: Volume 2, Jehovah Shammah

EZE 48:35

The name of the city from that day shall be [Jehovah Shammah].

Ezek. 48:35

Jehovah Shammah - the Lord is there! You’re probably thinking, “What’s this guy trying to teach me Hebrew for?” I’m not. But I want this to stick in your mind and heart: There is a Jehovah Shammah - a place where the Lord is, a place where He has set His name, a place where we can meet with Him. Do you go there?

CareLines: Volume 2, Rebellion

EZE 2:8

Hear what I say unto thee; be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house.

Ezek. 2:8

God is speaking very plainly to His prophet, Ezekiel. He didn’t want him to be rebellious. He wanted Ezekiel to be submissive to His will. Sometimes it’s hard for us to be submissive and go the Lord’s way, especially when all our “friends” are going in the opposite direction. But the path of blessing, happiness, and contentment is in going God’s way; in doing His will. Try not to argue against the Lord, young person. Don’t be rebellious. The Lord wants you to be happy and He wants you to have the very best that He can give. Submit to His will, whatever that may be.

CareLines: Volume 7, Rebellion

I am the Lord your God; walk in My statutes. . . . Notwithstanding the children rebelled against Me: they walked not in My statutes.

Ezekiel 20:19-21

God had a real problem with Israel. He instructed them to walk in His ways and, in spite of their good promises, they always went the other way. The examples written in the Old Testament are for our learning that we may profit by them. The lesson here is that we could do exactly the same thing. God commands, we listen for a time and then turn away. Let us ask the Lord to help us to always listen to and obey His Word.

CareLines: Volume 2, Worship: EZE 1:28

EZE 1:28

The appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face.

Ezek. 1:28

Ezekiel saw the glory of the Lord (or at least a likeness to it) and he fell on his face. When we come together today to remember the Lord Jesus in His death HE WILL BE THERE IN PERSON. Falling on our faces should be our response, too. We probably won't literally fall down, but in our hearts we will bow and worship the God of the universe who is our God and our Father and who planned our salvation through the death of His own Son. Incredible!

CareLines: Volume 2, Plenty

EZE 16:49-50

Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness ... neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

Ezek. 16:49, 50

Let's learn a real lesson from this verse. Sodom had the things that we want: pride, prosperity and spare time. Their pride led them to be haughty and uncharitable. Their prosperity made them self-sufficient, self-centered, and God-neglecting. They used their spare time to get away from God and into gross immorality. Sometimes the things we want are not what is best for us. God knows what is best for us and will not hold back anything that is for our good. Let God decide and provide what He sees is best for us.

CareLines: Volume 3, Thoughts

I know the things that come into your mind, every one of them.

Ezekiel 11:5

Wow! God knows every thought that we think -good or bad. You see, He knows our intentions, what our real purpose was in what we did or said. And everything is recorded. Thoughts towards the Lord will be rewarded. Thoughts that are evil or towards myself will be judged. We need to practice thought control. The ad says, "A mind is a terrible thing to waste." It is indeed. So let's reduce all our thoughts to Him. Then there will be peace and contentment.

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