

Ezekiel 11:17-23

“Therefore say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD:
I will gather you from the peoples
and assemble you out of the countries
where you have been scattered,
and I will give you the land of Israel.’

“And when they come there,
they will remove from it
all its detestable things
and all its abominations.”

Ezekiel 11:17-23

“And I will give them one heart,
and a new spirit I will put within them.
I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh
and give them a heart of flesh,
that they may walk in my statutes
and keep my rules and obey them.
And they shall be my people,
and I will be their God.”

Ezekiel 11:17-23

“But as for those whose heart goes after
their detestable things and their abominations,
I will bring their deeds upon their own heads,
declares the Lord GOD.”

Then the cherubim lifted up their wings,
with the wheels beside them,
and the glory of the God of Israel was over them.
And the glory of the LORD went up
from the midst of the city
and stood on the mountain
that is on the east side of the city.

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Ezekiel 18:1-4

The word of the LORD came to me:
“What do you people mean by quoting
this proverb about the land of Israel:
‘The fathers eat sour grapes,
and the children’s teeth are set on edge’?

“As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD,
you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel.
For every living soul belongs to me,
the father as well as the son –
both alike belong to me.

The soul who sins is the one who will die.”

Ezekiel 18:5-7

“Suppose there is a righteous man
who does what is just and right.
He does not eat at the mountain shrines
or look to the idols of the house of Israel.
He does not defile his neighbor’s wife
or lie with a woman during her period.
He does not oppress anyone,
but returns what he took in pledge for a loan.
He does not commit robbery
but gives his food to the hungry
and provides clothing for the naked.”

Ezekiel 18:8

“He does not lend at usury
or take excessive interest.
He withholds his hand from doing wrong
and judges fairly between man and man.”

Ezekiel's Examples of What Righteousness Looks Like

- No idolatry
- No adultery
- No sexual uncleanness (ceremonial)
- No oppression (abusing the poor)
- No robbery
- Generosity (food and clothing)
- No usury or excessive interest
- No wrongdoing
- Judging fairly (no partiality)

Ezekiel 18:9

“He follows my decrees
and faithfully keeps my laws.
That man is righteous;
he will surely live,
declares the Sovereign LORD.”

Ezekiel 18:10-13a

“Suppose he has a violent son,
who sheds blood or does any of these other things
(though the father has done none of them):
He eats at the mountain shrines.
He defiles his neighbor’s wife.
He oppresses the poor and needy.
He commits robbery.
He does not return what he took in pledge.
He looks to the idols.
He does detestable things.
He lends at usury and takes excessive interest.”

A Righteous Father and an Unrighteous Son

No idolatry

No adultery

No sexual uncleanness

No oppression

No robbery

Generosity

No usury, excessive interest

No wrongdoing

Judging fairly

Bloodshed

Idolatry

Adultery

Oppression

Robbery

Detestable actions

Usury

Ezekiel 18:13b

“Will such a man live? He will not!
Because he has done all these detestable things,
he will surely be put to death
and his blood will be on his own head.”

Ezekiel 18:14-16

“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:
He does not eat at the mountain shrines
or look to the idols of the house of Israel.
He does not defile his neighbor’s wife.
He does not oppress anyone
or require a pledge for a loan.
He does not commit robbery
but gives his food to the hungry
and provides clothing for the naked.”

Ezekiel 18:17

“He withholds his hand from sin
and takes no usury or excessive interest.
He keeps my laws and follows my decrees.”

A Righteous Grandfather, an Unrighteous Son, and a Righteous Grandson

	Bloodshed	
No idolatry	Idolatry	No idolatry
No adultery	Adultery	No adultery
No oppression	Oppression	No oppression
No robbery	Robbery	No robbery
Generosity	Detestable things	Generosity
	Usury	
No usury		No usury
No wrongdoing		No wrongdoing

Ezekiel 18:18

“He will not die for his father’s sin;
he will surely live.

“But his father will die for his own sin,
because he practiced extortion,
robbed his brother
and did what was wrong among his people.”

Ezekiel 18:19

“Yet you ask, ‘Why does the son
not share the guilt of his father?’

Since the son has done what is just and right
and has been careful to keep all my decrees,
he will surely live.”

Ezekiel 18:20

“The soul who sins is the one who will die.
The son will not share the guilt of the father,
nor will the father share the guilt of the son.
The righteousness of the righteous man
will be credited to him,
and the wickedness of the wicked
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*THE PRINCIPLE
OF PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY*

Ezekiel 18:21-22

“But if a wicked man turns away from all the sins he has committed and keeps all my decrees and does what is just and right, he will surely live; he will not die.

“None of the offenses he has committed will be remembered against him. Because of the righteous things he has done, he will live.”

Ezekiel 18:23

“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?”

Ezekiel 18:24

“But if a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits sin and does the same detestable things the wicked man does, will he live?

“None of the righteous things he has done will be remembered. Because of the unfaithfulness he is guilty of and because of the sins he has committed, he will die.”

Ezekiel 18:25

“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’
Hear, O house of Israel: Is my way unjust?
Is it not your ways that are unjust?”

Ezekiel 18:26-27

“If a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits sin, he will die for it; because of the sin he has committed he will die.

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*THE PRINCIPLE
OF REPENTANCE*

Ezekiel 18:28-29

“Because he considers all the offenses
he has committed and turns away from them,
he will surely live; he will not die.

“Yet the house of Israel says,
‘The way of the Lord is not just.’
Are my ways unjust, O house of Israel?
Is it not your ways that are unjust?”

Ezekiel 18:30

“Therefore, O house of Israel, I will judge you,
each one according to his ways,
declares the Sovereign LORD.

“Repent!
Turn away from all your offenses;
then sin will not be your downfall.”

Ezekiel 18:31-32

“Rid yourselves of all the offenses
you have committed,
and get a new heart and a new spirit.

“Why will you die, O house of Israel?
For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone,
declares the Sovereign LORD.
Repent and live!”

Mark 1:14-15

Now after John was arrested,
Jesus came into Galilee,
proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying,

“The time is fulfilled,
and the kingdom of God is at hand;
repent and believe in the gospel.”

Mark 6:10-12

And he said to them,
“Whenever you enter a house,
stay there until you depart from there.
And if any place will not receive you
and they will not listen to you, when you leave,
shake off the dust that is on your feet
as a testimony against them.”

So they went out and proclaimed
that people should repent.

Acts 2:36-40

“Let all the house of Israel
therefore know for certain that God has
made him both Lord and Christ,
this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this
they were cut to the heart,
and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles,
“Brothers, what shall we do?”

Acts 2:36-40

And Peter said to them,
“Repent and be baptized, every one of you
in the name of Jesus Christ
for the forgiveness of your sins,
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
For the promise is for you and for your children
and for all who are far off,
everyone whom the Lord our God
calls to himself...”

“Save yourselves
from this crooked generation.”

John 16:33

“I have said these things to you,
that in me you may have peace.
In the world you will have tribulation.
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Acts 3:17-21

“And now, brothers, I know that you
acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.
But what God foretold by the mouth
of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer,
he thus fulfilled.”

Acts 3:17-21

“Repent therefore, and turn again,
that your sins may be blotted out,
that times of refreshing may come from
the presence of the Lord, and that
he may send the Christ appointed for you,
Jesus, whom heaven must receive
until the time for restoring all the things
about which God spoke by the mouth
of his holy prophets long ago.”

Acts 17:30-31

“The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people who are called by my name
humble themselves, and pray and seek my face
and turn from their wicked ways,
then I will hear from heaven
and will forgive their sin
and heal their land.