



EZEKIEL 12:1-3

EARS TO HEAR, EYES TO SEE

When you are part of a choir, your ears play a very important role. Your ears have to be sharp in order for you to blend in nicely. If you cover your ears and ignore the key which the music is playing in, your voice will be out of tune and it will cause disharmony.

When you are playing basketball in a team, your eyes play a very important role. If you are blindfolded during the game, you may hit other players or you may get hit by the ball and you will cause your team to lose.

There are always some consequences when we are not making use of our body parts when we are supposed to. This happened to the Israelites during Ezekiel's time. They were so rebellious that they simply chose not to see what God was showing them or hear what He was saying to them.

Let it be a reminder for us to open the eyes and ears of our hearts so that we can see what God is doing and hear Him speaking to us.

Key verse:

Proverbs 4:20-21 My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to My words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart

Prayer

Dear God, let my
ears listen to Your
words and see
You through the
Holy Spirit. Speak
to me God as I
am ready
to listen.
Amen.





FALSE HOPE

In order to treat a wound, you can either just simply put a plaster on it or you can do these few steps: wash it from dirt and dust, put some Betadine on it and finally, cover it with clean cotton and plaster.

False hopes are like this plaster. It only covers the wound so that it looks fine from the outside, while on the inside, the wound is still open, dirty and very painful. If you do the latter one, you have to do a few steps but your wound will get better and heal sooner.

The false prophets were giving false hope to God's people that soon they would be given peace and freedom. Because of this false hope, they didn't feel they were in the wrong and in the need for repentance. They chose the easy way. The people had been brainwashed by the false hope.

False hope may seem the easiest and nicest one but it will result in bitterness and disappointment. The only way not to fall to false hope is by reading and studying the Bible. The Word of God gives us the real true hope.

Key verse:

Proverbs 10:28
The prospect of the righteous is joy, but the hopes of the wicked come to nothing.

Prayer

Holy spirit, guide me and help me to know the truth and make the right decision. Amen.





BE FRUITFUL

Vines are plants whose stem requires support as they cannot support themselves. They need to get attached to a tree, wall or other structure. It normally has no function except as fuel for a fire. However, the good thing about a vine is it produces fruit. When vines are properly cared for, they can bear fruit that can be consumed and enjoyed by many people.

God did not want His people to get burned like the vines and disappear just like that. God's illustration about vines tells us to be attached to God and be fruitful.

Likewise, God wants us to be fruitful and be a source of blessing to others. God does not want us to just appear religious. He is looking for fruitfulness from His people today.

When we are not fruitful, God is not glorified. It is important to always be attached and dependent on God and He will definitely help you to be fruitful and to bless others through your life.

Key verse:

John 15:4
Remain in Me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me.

Prayer

Dear God, I
surrender to You
wholeheartedly
so that I can
be fruitful, be a
blessing to others
and let others
see You in
me.



GOD'S GLORIOUS GRACE

These verses are way too beautiful. They describe God's grace and goodness.

God loves you even though you have nothing to offer Him. Just like Israel who was loved by God even since it was just like a helpless baby, God loves you since you were still in your mummy's womb.

God takes care of you. Just like God taking care of Israel, God provides all the daily needs, provisions and protection that are important for your growth.

God washes away your sins. As long as you come to God and surrender all to Him, God will cleanse you with His pure blood so that you can be renewed and clean.

God blesses you with every good gift. God gave clothing, food, jewelry and beauty to Israel. God also gives you the same good gifts and even an eternal life.

Because of His grace and love, God is more than willing to take the unwanted, unloved and broken people. Instead of abandoning them, God saves, nurtures, loves and embraces them freely.

Key verse:

Ephesians 1:6 to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One He loves.

Prayer

Dear God, Thank You for loving me unconditionally. Thank You for forgiving my sins and accepting me the way I am. Amen.







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EZEKIEL 18:1-4

BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR ACTIONS

"I was late for school because my mum did not wake me up."

"I didn't do my homework because my parents didn't remind me to."

This kind of thoughts is actually pointing fingers to parents or blaming them for the mistake we make. This is a very childish and inappropriate act.

The Israelites said to God that they were punished because of their parents' and ancestors' sin, not because of their own sins. They accused God of being unjust.

But God told them they were wrong. He went on to explain that each person is responsible for their own sins:

- A righteous man will have his righteousness credited to him.
- A wicked man will have his wickedness charged against him.
- Each person will bear his own guilt, regardless of whether his father was guilty or not.

We are responsible for every decision and act we make. Stop making excuses for our sins. Instead, confess your sin to God and accept the forgiveness He offers

Key verse:

1 John 3:7 Dear children do not let anvone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous. just as he is righteous.

Prayer

Dear God. I want to do right and be responsible for every action I take Amen





EZEKIEL 20:19-20

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OBEDIENCE BRINGS BLESSINGS

ave you ever tried to cheat during exam? If yes, how did you feel in your heart? I bet deep down your heart did not feel so good as a pang of guilt hit you and there was a gentle voice telling you that you were doing the wrong thing. Then, if you changed your mind because you listened to that voice, it means you had passed the test of obedience.

Obeying God in small matters is an essential step in receiving God's greatest blessings. Obedience brings blessing. God promised there is always a blessing for every command that we obey. Don't you know that those who are obedient to their parents are those who will become successful in life? It is because obedience will also lead us in the right path.

Since you are following God's commandments, expect the best to come into your life. We obey God in the way that pleases Him when we do His commands with the right attitude.

Key verse:

Luke 11:28
He replied,
"Blessed rather
are those who
hear the word of
God an
obey it."

Prayer

Dear God, give me a heart to always obey Your commandments so that my life can please Your heart. Amen.





EZEKIEL 22:26-30

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STANDING IN THE GAP

Standing in the gap means to defend someone. In the Bible, it means to pray for the restoration and salvation of a nation.

In verse 30, God told Ezekiel that He found no one to stand in the gap between Him and Israel. It meant there was no one who felt the urgency to pledge and seek mercy from God to forgive their sins. There was no one who was willing to step up to pray to God and ask for His mercy.

Abraham stood in the gap between God and Sodom. Moses stood in the gap between God and the Israelites. Gideon stood in the gap to defend his people. Nehemiah stood in the gap for the restoration of his nation.

Would you be willing to stand in the gap and pray for your best friend who just experienced an emotional trauma? Or for your relatives who are not yet God's believers? Or for your grandparents who need healing? Or for anyone else who desperately needs God's help?

We should be willing to stand in the gap, asking for God's grace and mercy upon them.

Key verse:

Psalm 50:15
"... and call on
Me on the day
of trouble; I will
deliver you, and
you will honor
Me."

Prayer

Dear God, I am willing to serve You. Show me what You want me to do. Use me to stand in the gap for those who need it.
Amen.

