

A TALE OF

THREE MEN

a study through Ezekiel 18

Ezekiel 18:1-4

What's the background?

- 2 Kings 21:10-16; 23:26-27; 24:3


What does the proverb mean?

What did the Law teach?

- Exodus 20:4-6; Deuteronomy 24:16; 2 Kings 14:6;
Jeremiah 31:29-30

What does this mean for me?

- John 3:17-21; Matthew 23:29-36; 1 Peter 2:18-
20; 2 Corinthians 5:10



Denial
Ain't Just A
River In Egypt

Ezekiel 18:5-9

What's is God looking for?

- For sure the weak sinner - **Isaiah 64:6**; Titus 3:4-7; Zechariah 3:1-4
- A faithful individual - Ephesians 2:8-10; Romans 3:21-27
- The righteous — **Revelation 22:11**; **Romans 4:3**
“For what does the Scripture say, ‘Abraham **believed** God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.’”

the
Father

Ezekiel 18:10-13

Remember Manasseh's father?

- It was Hezekiah! So what happened? **2 Kings 21:2**

Faith cannot be inherited anymore than sin can!

- We can deeply affect those we love the most:
Proverbs 19:26; 1 Timothy 3:4-5, 11; Titus 1:6

the

Son

Ezekiel 18:14-18

Remember Manasseh's son?

- It was Amon! Remember his son? Josiah!
- He was only 8, right?
- Ok, what about his great-grandfather Hezekiah? Who was his father? Ahaz! Look at 2 Kings 17:41-18:4.

This is wonderful news!

- Our environment is not omnipotent . . . that belongs to God. He's shown us the way out.



the
Grandson


Ezekiel 18:19-24

Why not suffer? 19-20

- They weren't suffering. They were being punished for their own sin.

Our Just Father! 21-24

- Guess what happened with Manasseh?
2 Chronicles 33:11-19
- What if I messed up "big time?"
1 Corinthians 15:10
- Habits are not omnipotent either! Can people really change?
- Our past faithfulness does not demand God's grace.



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Ezekiel 18:25-32

That's not fair! 25-29

- We want God's faithfulness . . . and His unfaithfulness? **2 Timothy 2:8-13**

Repent and turn! 30-32

- Don't allow iniquity to RUIN you!
- God can't give you His heart . . . this calls for responsibility.
- **Listen to the Lord's words:** "Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the LORD GOD, so TURN, and LIVE."



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