**Giving God His Rightful Place**

Whole Bible Series

Sermon 22: Ezekiel

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**SERMON NOTES**

*God’s life-giving glory abides where He is acknowledged as Lord.*

1. **Israel’s Tragic Plight**

Object Lessons

Ezekiel lies on his side, bound (4)

Ezekiel shaves his head and destroys the clippings (5)

1. God is not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as the only Lord (8)
2. Israel is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for punishment (5:12)
3. God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has left Jerusalem(8:6)

**Application:** Will we be a people who put God first, or will we choose to replace Him as top priority?

1. **God’s Gracious Solution**

God’s mercy is demonstrated in judgement.

1. Realignment through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*“They shall know that I am the Lord”*

1. New life from dry \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (37)

*“I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live”* (37:14)

1. A “New Jerusalem” that gives \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the nations (47)

**Application:** Are you willing to reject the replacements in order to enjoy God’s life-giving, glorious presence?

Answers: **acknowledged,** doomed, **glory,** judgement, **bones,** life

**Questions for Small Groups or Individual Study**

**Bible study:** Scan the book, looking for the phrase “And they shall know that I am the Lord.”

1. What is God promising to do when He says that they “will know He is the Lord”? How will doing that thing cause them to have this realization?
2. What are ways that we allow God to be replaced as the Lord of our lives?
3. According to 8:6, why did God’s glory leave Jerusalem? Why was this a big deal for Israel?
4. God promises new life to Israel once they have acknowledged He is the Lord. According to 37:14, where does this life come from?
5. Read Eze. 47:2, 8. If we are God’s temple (1 Cor. 3:16), how can we emit a life-giving stream of grace for those around us?

**Prayer from Ecclesiastes**

*“Please make me a life-giving stream to others as I…”*