

Prophets of Renewal & Power

INTRODUCTION

Like the book of Jeremiah, the book of Ezekiel is filled with God's promises to make a renewed people for Himself. For this reason, Ezekiel is rich with the truth of the working of God's sovereign grace in the heart. In this lesson, Dr. Lawson focuses on the new covenant promises in the book of Ezekiel as well as key passages about the sovereignty of God in the book of Daniel.

LEARNING GOALS

When you have finished this lesson, you should be able to:

- Understand the sequential and logical priority of regeneration over faith
- Highlight aspects the new covenant promises as reiterated in the book of Ezekiel
- Identify key passages that teach the sovereignty of God in the book of Daniel

KEY IDEAS

- The book of Ezekiel reiterates our need for God's sovereign work in the heart in making our stubborn and rebellious hearts soft and responsive to Him.
- The work of regeneration is not a cooperative, synergistic effort between God and man; it is monergistic—the work of God alone.
- The book of Daniel highly exalts God by firmly asserting His divine sovereignty over all kings and all nations.

REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Before the Video

What Do You Think?

Take a moment to answer the following questions. They will prepare you for the lecture.

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- Did you believe and become born again? Or were you born again and then believed?
 - Do you have assurance of salvation? What is your assurance based on?

Scripture Reading

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O LORD God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the LORD God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

—Ezekiel 37:1-6

- Which of the doctrines of grace are clearly taught in this passage?

During the Video

Answer the following questions while you watch the video. They will guide you through the lecture.

Our Need for a New Heart

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- How are the people to whom Ezekiel is sent described? Why does God describe them to Ezekiel in this way?
- What is God's remedy for the people of Israel in Ezekiel 11?
- What is significant about the pronouns used in Ezekiel 11:19?
- What is the relationship between faith and regeneration in the new birth?

Cleansed from Within

11:50-27:43

- What does the water of Ezekiel 36 and John 3 refer to metaphorically?

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- What does God promise to cleanse us from in Ezekiel 36?
 - Why does Dr. Lawson describe preaching as seemingly illogical?

After the Video

Answer the following questions after you have finished the lecture. They will help you identify and summarize the major points.

- In your own words, how would you describe the characteristics of a heart of stone? How does such a heart respond to God? How does such a heart relate to men?
- What is the outward evidence that God has given someone a heart of flesh? Do you find this evidence in your own life?
- How does God display His power in the book of Daniel?

PRAYER

Commit what you have learned from God's Word in this lesson to prayer.

- Praise God for His covenant love and faithfulness in the renewal of your heart.
- Confess your lack of humility and the boldness with which you are able to sin.
- Thank God for giving you a desire for obedience.
- Ask God to humble you so that you might depend on His Spirit fully.