

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - 9 am.

We are at present studying the four Gospels. Johan is facilitating the class. Please join us during this time of learning God's Word.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY - 10 AM

All ladies are encouraged to attend the Wednesday Ladies Bible class. This Wednesday, they will be studying Obadiah.

SUNDAY CHILDREN'S CLASS 9am

Please bring your children to the Children's Bible class. It is so important to bring a child up in God's Way, teaching them about God's Word and God's Love.

Opening Prayer: Jan Roberts Closing Prayer: Ray Calder

Servers: Jan, Ray, Thando & Chris

Song Leader: Braam Le Roux **Scripture Reading**: Thando Ntozakhe Lord's Table: Chris du Preez **Attendance last Sunday: 39**

The Prophet Ezekiel – which means "strengthened by God."

Ezekiel grew up in Jerusalem, where he trained to be a priest in the temple. He was among the second group of captives taken to Babylon, along with King Jehoiachin, about 597 BC. While in Babylon, Ezekiel became a prophet of God. Ezekiel's ministry began with condemnation and judgment of the nation Judah. After the destruction of Jerusalem, Ezekiel's prophecies speak of hope for the future. Ezekiel wanted to help the people learn from their failures. He announced impending judgment upon the nations that surrounded Judah and reestablished hope for the restoration of Israel. His vision of the valley of dry bones (Ezekiel 37) pictures new life being breathed into the nation.

Ezekiel's first vision was of God's throne and included descriptions of four living creatures and whirling wheels. Ezekiel also had detailed visions of a new temple (Ezekiel 40 - 43), a restored Jerusalem (Ezekiel 48: 30 - 35), the millennium (chapter 44) and the land in which God's people will reside (Ezekiel 47: 13 - 23). These beautiful visions of Ezekiel concern both the immediate and the long-term plans of God.

Ezekiel's sorrow was compounded by the death of his wife (Ezekiel 24), an event that God forbade him to weep over. God used the death of Ezekiel's wife as a sign to the people of Judah. Just as the prophet lost his wife, the people of Judah would lose their temple. And, just as Ezekiel did not show outward signs of mourning, the Jews would be overwhelmed to the point of silence by the sorrow they felt.

The prophet Ezekiel experienced considerable opposition during his own lifetime, yet he doggedly expressed God's desire that the wicked not die, but turn from their wicked ways and live. His periodic speechlessness during his early years was broken when God empowered him to speak, and his tongue was loosened to speak the longest passage of sustained hope in the Bible. The burning, chopping, and scattering of his hair represented the fall of Jerusalem and the bringing back of God's remnant (chapter 5).

Ezekiel has shown all Christians that we are to be obedient to God's call on our lives. God told Ezekiel to groan with a broken heart and bitter grief for the coming judgment and, through his dramatic book, Ezekiel tells us the same thing. Judgment is coming! It will surely take place, declares the Sovereign Lord. We, like Ezekiel, can warn others, and we can also share with them the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ.

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SUNDAY TIMES: BIBLE STUDIES: 09H00 WORSHIP: 10H00 TO 11H00 19 OCTOBER 2025

Preacher: Mike Baisley

Sermon Topic: "Seven Steps to

Knowing God."

Scripture reading: Acts 4: 12 &

Scripture reading: John 14: 6

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the members in our congregation who are in need of God's grace, healing and strength through difficult times. Please pray for Taida Marembo, Geraldine's mother, Petro, Chester, Ian, Kate and Landon, as they are going through a very difficult time.

We also need to thank God for prayers answered.

BIRTHDAYS

No birthdays this week.

TEA AND BISCUITS

Next Sunday, 26 October, we will have fellowship after worship while enjoying tea and biscuits. Ladies on duty are Erika and Louise.

WELCOME

We welcome all visitors to our worship this morning. We believe that you will be blessed as we worship God. Please feel free to ask any questions regarding our worship or about God's Word.

MEMORY VERSE

A note from Braam:

Who can still remember Proverbs 17:17? "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity."

John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."

Proverbs 27: 5 & 6, "Open rebuke is better than love carefully concealed. Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful."

Galatians 5: 14. "For all the law is fulfilled in one command, even in this: You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

From: God

To: All His Children Effective Immediately:

Please be aware that there are changes you need to make in your life. These changes need to be completed in order that I may fulfill my promises to you to grant you peace, joy and happiness in this life. Please follow these 10 guidelines.

- 1. QUIT WORRYING Life has dealt you a blow and all you do is sit and worry. Have you forgotten that I am here to take all your burdens and carry them for you? Or do you just enjoy fretting over every little thing that comes your way?
- 2. PUT IT ON THE LIST Something needs done or taken care of. Put it on the list. No, not YOUR list. Put it on MY to-do-list. Let ME be the one to take care of the problem. I can't help you until you turn it over to me. And, although my to-do-list is long, I am, after all, God. I can take care of anything you put into my hands. In fact, if the truth were ever really known, I take care of a lot of things for you that you never even realize.
- 3. TRUST ME Once you've given your burdens to me, quit trying to take them back. Trust in me. Have the faith that I will take care of all your needs, your problems and your trials. Problems with the kids? Put them on my list. Problem with finances? Put it on my list. Problems with your emotional roller coaster? For my sake, put it on my list. I want to help you. All you have to do is ask.
- 4. LEAVE IT ALONE Don't wake up one morning and say, "Well, I'm feeling much stronger now, I think I can handle it from here." Why do you think you are feeling stronger now? It's simple. You gave me your burdens, and I'm taking care of them. I also renew your strength and cover you in my peace. Don't you know that if I give you these problems back, you will be right back where you started? Leave them with me and forget about them. Just let me do my job.
- 5. TALK TO ME I want you to forget a lot of things. Forget what was making you crazy. Forget the worry and the fretting because you know I'm in control. But there's one thing I want you to never forget. Please don't forget to talk to me OFTEN! I love you. I want to hear your voice. I want you to include me in the things going on in your life. I want to hear you talk about your friends and family. Prayer is simply you having a conversation with me. I want to be your dearest friend.
- 6. HAVE FAITH I see a lot of things from up here that you can't see from where you are. Have faith in me that I know what I'm doing. Trust me, you wouldn't want the view from my eyes. I will continue to care for you, watch over you, and meet your needs. You only have to trust me. Although I have a much bigger task than you, it seems as if you have so much trouble just doing your simple part. How hard can trust be?
- 7. SHARE You were taught to share when you were only two years old. When did you forget? That rule still applies. Share with those who are less fortunate than you. Share your joy with those who need encouragement. Share your laughter with those who haven't heard any in such a long time. Share your tears with those who are mourning. Share your faith with those who have none.
- 8. BE PATIENT I managed to fix it so in just one lifetime you could have so many diverse experiences. You grow from a child to an adult, have children, change jobs many times, learn many trades, travel to so many places, meet thousands of people, and experience so much. How can you be so impatient then when it takes me a little longer than you expect to handle something on my to-do-list? Trust in my timing, for my timing is perfect. Just because I created the entire universe in only six days, everyone thinks I should always rush, rush!
- 9. BE KIND Be kind to others, for I love them just as much as I love you. They may not dress like you, or talk like you, or live the same way you do, but I still love you all. Please try to get along, for my sake. I created each of you different in some way. It would be too boring if you were all identical. Please know I love each of your differences.
- 10. LOVE YOURSELF As much as I love you, how can you not love yourself? You were created by me to be loved, and to love in return. I am a God of Love. Love me. Love your neighbors. But also love yourself. It makes my heart ache when I see you so angry with yourself when things go wrong. You are very precious to me. Don't ever forget that!

With all my heart, I love you.

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