

Ezekiel 18:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'And that doeth not any of those duties, but even hath eaten upon the mountains, and defiled his neighbour's wife.' The wicked son does the opposite of his righteous father—participating in idolatrous worship and committing adultery. The litany of sins shows comprehensive rebellion: what the father avoided, the son embraces. The point: righteousness and wickedness are matters of personal choice, not family inheritance.

Historical Context

Biblical history confirms this pattern: righteous Hezekiah had wicked son Manasseh; wicked Ahaz had righteous son Hezekiah; righteous Josiah had wicked sons Jehoahaz and Jehoiakim. Each generation faces its own moral choices before God.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How do we avoid both presuming on family heritage and despairing over family failures?
2. What does this teach about evangelism and discipleship in each generation?

Interlinear Text

וְאֵל	גַּם	כִּי	עָשָׂה	לֹא	אֵלָּהּ	כָּל	אֶת	וְהָ	וָא
H413	H1571	H3588	And that doeth	H3808	H428	H3605	H853	H1931	
			H6213						
אִשָּׁתָּה	וְאֶת		אֲכָל			הַהָרִים			
wife	H853		not any of those duties but even hath eaten			upon the mountains			
H802			H398			H2022			
					טָמְאָהּ	רַע	הוּא		
					and defiled	his neighbour's			
					H2930	H7453			