

Ezekiel 18:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal?

Analysis

'Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal?' The chapter ends by repeating the charge and answer from verse 25. Despite clear explanation of God's perfect justice, sinful humans persist in accusing Him. The repetition emphasizes: human perception of fairness is corrupted by sin; God's ways are perfectly just. We must trust His justice even when we don't fully understand.

Historical Context

This pattern of questioning God's justice persists throughout biblical and church history. Job's friends accused him, Job questioned God, Israel complained repeatedly, and modern skeptics raise the problem of evil. The answer remains: God's ways are higher than ours (Isaiah 55:8-9), and His justice is perfect even when hidden from our perspective.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. In what areas are you tempted to accuse God of unfairness or injustice?
2. How does recognizing our limited perspective change our response to difficult circumstances?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 18:25 (References Lord): Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal?

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