

Ezekiel 18:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.

Analysis

Historical Context

Throughout Ezekiel's ministry, he proclaimed both judgment and hope. Chapter 18's emphasis on individual responsibility and divine desire for repentance addressed the exiles' despair and fatalism. Many had concluded that their situation was hopeless—if they were suffering for their fathers' sins, what could they do? God answers: repent personally and live! Even in exile, even with judgment falling on Jerusalem, individuals could still turn to God and experience spiritual life. This message kept hope alive during the darkest period of Israel's history. It also

prepared for the fuller revelation of new covenant grace, where God would not only call for repentance but provide the Spirit to enable it (Ezekiel 36:26-27).

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does knowing God takes no pleasure in judgment but desires your life affect how you view Him?
2. What areas of life is God calling you to 'turn' from in order to truly live?

Interlinear Text

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H3588	H3808	For I have no pleasure	H2654	in the death	H4194	of him that dieth	H4191	saith
								H5002
אֱלֹהִים	אֱלֹהִים	יְהֹוָה	וְשָׁׁבַע	וְחַיְ				
the Lord	GOD		wherefore turn	yourselves and live				
H136	H3069		H7725	H2421				

Additional Cross-References

2 Peter 3:9 (References Lord): The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Ezekiel 18:23 (References God): Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?

Ezekiel 33:11 (References God): Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way

and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

Lamentations 3:33 (Parallel theme): For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.

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