

Ezekiel 20:43

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled; and ye shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed.' Restoration produces repentance—remembering past sins and loathing themselves for previous unfaithfulness. True restoration involves acknowledging guilt, not merely receiving blessing. Self-loathing here is godly sorrow leading to repentance (2 Corinthians 7:10), recognizing the magnitude of sin against a holy God.

Historical Context

Ezra and Nehemiah's ministries produced exactly this response—public confession, weeping over sin, covenant renewal (Ezra 9-10, Nehemiah 8-9). Godly leaders led the people in repentance, acknowledging ancestral and personal sin. This prepared hearts for renewed covenant faithfulness.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does remembering our sin and God's grace produce appropriate self-loathing and repentance?
2. What is the difference between worldly regret and godly sorrow that leads to restoration?

Interlinear Text

וְזִכְרָתֶם		אַתָּה	שַׁם	דְּרָכֵיכֶם		כֵּל	וְאֵת
And there shall ye remember	H2142	H8033	H853	your ways	H1870	H853	H3605
and all your doings	H5949	H834		נִטְמָאָת	H2930	בְּ	בְּ
				wherein ye have been defiled		H0	and ye shall lothe
yourselfs in your own sight	H6440	H3605		בְּעֻוּתֵיכֶם	H7451	אֲשֶׁר	עֲשִׂיתֶם:
				for all your evils		H834	that ye have committed

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 6:9 (Evil): And they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations whither they shall be carried captives, because I am broken with their whorish heart, which hath departed from me, and with their eyes, which go a whoring after their idols: and they shall lothe themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations.

Hosea 5:15 (Parallel theme): I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.

Jeremiah 31:18 (Parallel theme): I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus; Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke: turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art the LORD my God.

Ezekiel 36:31 (Evil): Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.

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