

# Ezekiel 3:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them.

## Analysis

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After consuming God's Word, Ezekiel receives his commission: "go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them." The sequence is crucial—internalization precedes proclamation. The phrase "my words" (not "about my words") emphasizes exact transmission of divine revelation. The Reformed principle of *sola Scriptura* appears: ministers must speak God's very words, not human philosophies dressed in religious language. The commission to "the house of Israel" specifies covenant people as primary recipients, foreshadowing New Testament priority to proclaim gospel first to Jews, then Gentiles (Romans 1:16).

## Historical Context

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Ezekiel's fellow exiles in Babylon (593 BC) shared his language and cultural heritage, yet their hearts were harder than foreigners would be (verses 5-7). This irony reveals covenant privilege bringing greater accountability. Israel had received God's law, prophets, and manifold blessings, yet their familiarity bred contempt. The phrase "house of Israel" recalls God's covenant relationship established through Abraham, reaffirmed through Moses, and continued despite persistent rebellion. Ezekiel's commission to this specific people emphasized God's faithfulness to His covenant promises even in judgment.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does the sequence of receiving God's Word before proclaiming it shape your approach to teaching and witness?
2. What dangers arise when ministers speak their own ideas rather than faithfully transmitting God's revealed words?

## Interlinear Text

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בְּ יְהֹוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ עָלָיו אָמַר	וְאֵלֶיךָ בְּנֵי אָדָם לְגַת בְּאָל בָּא	אָל בָּא בְּ יְהֹוָה
<b>And he said</b>	<b>unto me Son</b>	<b>of man</b>
H559	H1121	H120
<b>get</b>		
H935		
	<b>thee unto the house</b>	
		H1004

  
וְשָׁרְאָה לְאָלִיכֶם בְּדָבָרִים אֲדָבָרִים יְדָבָרִים		
**of Israel**	**and speak**	**with my words**
H3478	H1696	H1697
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