

# 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

## Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

### 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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וַיֹּאמֶר	אֵלַי	בֶּן	אָדָם	לְךָ	בֵּא	אֶל	בֵּית
And he said	H413	unto me Son	of man	H1980	get	H413	thee unto the house
H559		H1121	H120		H935		H1004
לְיִשְׂרָאֵל	וְדִבַּרְתָּ	בְּדִבְרֵי	אֵלֵיהֶם:				
of Israel	and speak	with my words	H413				
H3478	H1696	H1697					

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