

Connection

Do you remember a time when you ate a food or dessert that was missing an ingredient? What was it, and how did it taste?

Content

We are in week five of "Speaking into the CHAOS," a series focused on the craziness we face in our lives and what the Bible has to say about it. As Billy takes us through the book of Ezekiel, today we will be talking about 3 questions that the Israelites should have asked themselves. Questions which we should ask ourselves as well.

Why Are You Here?

1. Read Ezekiel 20:1-4. The Israelites came and asked Ezekiel for a message from the Lord. Yet look at the answer from the Lord. Why do you think He replied that way to Ezekiel?

2. Read Ezekiel 20:5-7. God is showing the Israelites everything that will be theirs if they keep their covenant with Him. Yet read verses 8-17. Why were the Israelites led into the wilderness? And what is God's covenant with them?

3. Read Ezekiel 20:21-26. The next generation comes and still disobeys God's laws and decrees. Why is Israel's failure to follow God's commands so significant in this passage?

What Is Your Intention?

4. Read Ezekiel 20:30-31. God says these words to His people after they repeatedly sin against Him. What are some modern idols that we ourselves fall into worshipping?

5. Read Ezekiel 20:32, 37. God plainly told His people, including us, that you will not be like the other nations around you. His desire is for us to worship only Him, and He will hold us to this. How is this still as relevant today as it was during the life of Ezekiel?

Will You Come And Worship Me?

6. Read Ezekiel 20:30-31 and John 4:19-24. What does true worship of God look like? How does it incorporate “spirit and truth”?

Commitment

Recurring themes in Ezekiel are the contrast between:

Pollution	-	Life
Disobedience	-	Obedience
High Places	-	Sabbath
Judgment	-	Mercy

7. As you consider the words above, realize that God offers us the blessings on the right. But we can fall into the left column instead, as we are affected by the prevailing culture surrounding us. Spend a moment in prayer considering if there are any areas above that you need to reorient yourself in.

How could you make a change to grow in that direction today?