

“The God Who Knows”
Ezekiel 11:1-25

“When we are confronted with our sin we can either blame others, accuse God, minimize the offense, find a justification, or simply repent.”

*“For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from His sight, but are all naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.”
(Hebrews 4:12-13)*

“But He disciplines us for our good, that we may share His holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.” (Hebrews 12:10b-11)

● **The judgment of the princes of the people.**

- *“For you have not walked in My statutes, nor obeyed My rules, but have acted according to the rules of the nations that are around you.” (Ezekiel 11:12; cf. Ezekiel 8:1)*
- *“And I will bring you out of the midst of it (Jerusalem), and give you into the hands of foreigners, and execute judgments on you.” (Ezekiel 11:9)*
- *“And it came to pass, while I was prophesying, that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died.” (Ezekiel 11:13a)*

● **The message of the princes of the people.**

- *“Son of man, these are the men who devise iniquity and who give wicked counsel in this city.” (Ezekiel 11:2)*
- *“Is not the time near to build houses....to us this land is given for a possession.” (Ezekiel 11:3,15)*
- *“The city is the cauldron, and we are the meat.” (Ezekiel 11:3)*
 - In ancient Israel the choice cuts of meat were cooked in a pot over the fire. The poorer pieces of meat would be cooked over the fire or discarded.
- *“For I know the things that come into your mind.” (Ezekiel 11:5)*

● **God’s message of hope to His people:**

- *“Ah, Lord God! Will You make a full end of the remnant of Israel?” (Ezekiel 11:13b; cf. Ezekiel 9:8)*
- *“Though I removed them far off among the nations, and though I scattered them among the countries, yet I have been a sanctuary to them for a while in the countries where they have gone.” (Ezekiel 11:16)*
- **God’s grace:**
 - *“I will gather you and assemble you.”*
 - *“I will give you the land of Israel.”*
 - *“I will remove all of its detestable things and all its abominations.”*
 - *“I will give them one heart and a new spirit I will put within them.*
 - *“I will remove their heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh.”*
 - *“They will walk in My statutes and keep My rules and obey them.”*

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- *“And they shall be My people and I shall be their God.”*
 - *“But as for those whose heart goes after their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their deeds upon their own heads, declares the Lord God.” (Ezekiel 11:21)*
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Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Our donation collection for November is a little different this year. We have partnered with Licking County Job & Family Services and the Salvation Army to sponsor 15 children for this Christmas Season. As you probably saw, there is an Angel Tree at the back of the sanctuary. We ask that if you want to participate that you would PLEASE read the instructions for this donation collection BEFORE taking an Angel Tag off of the tree. These instructions can be found on the November Newsletter, or you can see Krystal directly for these instructions. This donation collection will run from November 3d to December 8th. If you have any questions, please see Krystal. There is a tote beside the Angel Tree for you to put your gifts in.

★**FRIENDSGIVING:** Our annual Friendsgiving Dinner is THIS Saturday, November 23rd, at 5:30pm. There are TWO sign-up lists hanging on the wall in the entryway. If you plan on attending, we ask that you please sign-up, so we can get an idea of how much food we will need. Even if you aren't 100% sure if you will be able to attend or not, we would ask that you still sign-up, we would rather have too much food than not enough! The second list is the food list, please sign-up to bring something for the Friendsgiving Dinner! As always, EVERYONE is invited to join us for this wonderful time of food and fellowship! We also ask that you bring your favorite board/card game to play and plan to stay after the meal to play games together!

★**THANKSGIVING:** We will NOT be having a worship service NEXT Thursday, November 28th!

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer will be on Tuesday, December 3rd, from 7-8pm. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body. Please consider joining us for a portion of this time or for the full hour of prayer.

★**CHRISTMAS DECORATING AND FELLOWSHIP:** On Friday, December 6th, we will be decorating the church for Christmas. We will be starting at 6pm, refreshments will be provided. We would love for you all to join us for music, decorating, fun, and fellowship! Please let Kathleen Riley know if you are interested in participating in this!

★**MEMBERS' MEETING:** We will be having a Members' Meeting on Sunday, December 8th, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the 2025 Budget that was proposed at the November Members' Meeting. If you are a Church Member, please mark your calendars and plan on attending this important meeting.

★**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** On January 5th we are going to offer a Sunday School for all people at Legacy from 9-10am each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall to see what kind of interest there might be for teaching the Scriptures before the worship service at 10:30am. We will be studying the book of Daniel, “God’s Sovereignty over Nations and Israel and the Future Millennial Age.” The book of Daniel is the most comprehensive prophetic revelation of the Old Testament, giving the only total view of world history from Babylon to the second coming of Christ. There is more information about this class in the November Newsletter. Please let Elder Richard know if you are interested so he can prepare notes for each one attending. There will be coffee and donuts each Sunday for class.