

“I Will Remember My Covenant With You”

Ezekiel 16:35-63

*“Or do you presume on the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed.” (Romans 2:4-5)*

- *“So I will satisfy My wrath on you, and My jealousy shall depart from you.” (v.35-43)*
  - God deals publicly with sin. We look to Israel, the Cross of Christ, Church Discipline, and ultimately the Great White Throne Judgment.
    - Holiness is God dealing publicly with sin in the positive (Hebrews 12:10-12; 1 Peter 1:14-17).
  - **Idolatry:** *“You shall certainly put the inhabitants of that city to the sword....and burn the city and all its spoil with fire....” (Deuteronomy 13:15-16)*
  - **Prostitutes:** *“And the daughter of any priest, if she profanes herself by whoring, profanes her father; she shall be burned with fire.” (Leviticus 21:9)*
  - **Adultery:** *“If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.” (Leviticus 20:10)*
    - *When we love sin and this world, we are loving what desires to destroy us.*
- *“You were more corrupt than they in all your ways.” (v.44-52)*
  - Israel was acting like the other nations. This was a great wickedness because of the blessings from God and knowledge of God.
    - *“Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.” (Matthew 10:15)*
  - *“And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw that the Jordan Valley was well watered everywhere like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.)....Now the men of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the LORD.” (Genesis 13:10,13; cf. Ezekiel 16:49-50)*
    - Sodom was **socially** wicked, **economically** wicked, and **morally** wicked. But they did not have the Law to direct them in these areas.
- *“I will restore (your) their fortunes.” (v.53-63)*
  - *“And the LORD will be king over all the earth.” (Zechariah 14:9a) “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19)*
  - This everlasting covenant is the New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34). The Nation of Israel will be restored Nationally and spiritually (Romans 11:26-27). But there has always been a remnant that pointed to this future reality (Ezra 9:4,13; Nehemiah 9:26,28,33).

### **Announcements:**

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of January we are collecting monetary donations for Heartbeats. Heartbeats is a life-affirming pregnancy resource medical center serving the people of our community with the love of Christ. For more information about Heartbeats and what they do, please see the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary. You can give your monetary donations on Venmo, please make sure to note that it is for Heartbeats. Or you can put your monetary donations in the container on the back table.

★**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, the monthly Men's Breakfast is THIS Saturday, January 18th, at 7am, at the Big Apple Café — Log Pond location. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Pastor Zach (740)618-0739.

★**BAPTISMS:** Our next Baptism service is THIS Sunday, January 19th. If you are interested in being baptized or having any questions about being baptized, please see Pastor Jeremey, Pastor Zach, or one of the other Elders.

★**CHURCH GAME NIGHT:** Our monthly Church Game Night is THIS Sunday, January 19th, starting at 5pm, at Andy's house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron). Please bring your favorite board or card game to play and bring a food item to share with everyone!

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer will be on Sunday, January 26th, from 5:30-7pm. 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 and a half of prayer.

★**SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY COURSE:** Our next Systematic Theology Course will begin on Monday, January 27th: "God and the World." We will be studying the literal 24-hour six, day of Creation in Genesis and the Age of the Earth; God's Divine Decrees (Sovereignty and Providence); Angelology (Angels); Satanology (Satan)' Demonology (Demons); Anthropology (Man); and Hamartiology (Sin). We will study how many Holy angels there are versus Fallen angels and their activities, we will also look at Satan and his strategies as our enemy, we will study man who is made up of body, soul, and spirit, and study the doctrine of sin and its results. This course is eight weeks long and we meet every Monday night from 6:00-9:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. If interested please let Elder Richard know so he can prepare a syllabus for each student.