



Worship, Grow, Go

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Ezekiel 1 – 3

An exalted view of God propels us to worship, grow, and go.

The Glory of the Lord (ch. 1)

- A. The approaching storm. (1:4)
- B. A series of elements resolve, each more wondrous and moving his eyes upward continuously.
 - 1. Four living creatures (1:5-14)
 - 2. Four wheels (1:15-21)
 - 3. An expanse (1:22-25)
 - 4. Above the expanse the likeness of a throne and ruler. (1:26-28)

Ezekiel's response to an exalted view of God.

I. WORSHIP (1:28b–2:2)

II. GROW (2:8–3:3)

- A. The scroll contains the words of God.
- B. Eat it. (3:1-3)

III. GO (3:4–15)

- A. “Speak with my words.” (3:4, 2:4)
- B. Be tough. (3:7-9)
- C. Let God’s word change you first. (3:10)
- D. Their response isn’t your responsibility. Speaking His words to them is. (3:11)
- E. GO (3:12-15)

How does this apply to me?

INTRO FOR NEXT WEEK

THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD: ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH

PASSAGE OVERVIEW

If God is sovereign, and He is, why are only some people saved? Why isn't everyone saved? And how does the sovereignty of God interface with man's responsibility to believe? Do people choose or does God choose?

And if the Jews are God's chosen people, why are there so few Jewish believers and so many Gentile believers in the church today? Has God set Israel aside? Has the church replaced Israel in God's redemption plan? NO. God remains faithful to the Jewish people. His promises to them remain, because God always keeps His word. He still has a good plan for them; a plan to draw them to Himself through faith in their Messiah, Jesus.

But, whether Jew or Gentile, there is only one path to salvation. It is by placing our faith in Jesus' saving work on our behalf. It is by openly confessing our faith in Him and deeply committing our lives to Him.

As you read the passage for next week, notice the emphasis on the mercy of God. It is by God's great mercy that anyone is saved. Despite the rejection of the Messiah by God's chosen people, His mercy flows generously. While He continues to draw a remnant of Jews to Himself, He mercifully grafts in Gentiles who weren't even seeking Him. But He maintains His faithful plans for Israel, promising to bring many of them to faith in Christ in the future.

These truths lay a life altering mandate upon us. We must take the gospel to those who haven't heard and believed. We are not responsible for their response to the gospel. But we are compelled by the mercy of God to carry to them the gospel.

READING FOR NEXT WEEK

Romans 9:1–11:32

