



“Nominal Faith”
Ezekiel 33:21-33

- I. The hand of God causing Ezekiel to be _____ is lifted as the foretold messenger from Jerusalem arrives (33:21-22).

2 Kings 24:8-17

- a. Ezekiel’s “muteness” could have been related to a restriction from speaking to the _____ of Judah and Jerusalem and not the exiles or could have been related to a restriction from prophesying/praying in their favor (33:22).

Ezekiel 3:26-27; 33:21-22; 12:7-11; 22:29-31

- b. The inhabitants of Jerusalem are still declaring themselves to be God’s _____ (33:23-24).

Isaiah 51:2-3; James 2:20-26

- II. Ezekiel is charged with challenging the _____ of those who dwell in Judah (33:25).

- a. _____ and _____ seem to be convinced that God must surely think highly of them (33:26).

- b. Now that Jerusalem has fallen, these proud Jews will face their complete _____ in the most pitiful of locations (33:27-29).

Ezekiel 33:8

- III. It is difficult to determine which Jews are being discussed in v. 30, but it seems that the exiles together with Ezekiel are, by and large, not experiencing spiritual _____.

- a. People consume religious activities, even hard preaching about dire consequences, much like they are _____ at a cultural event (33:30b-32).
- b. Ezekiel’s ministry to such people may not be as much to contribute to their conversion as to contribute to the _____ of _____ in showing that He offered a merciful message that they squandered (33:33).