

“THE ANSWER THEY DID NOT EXPECT!”
GOD’S ANSWER FOR THE DIVIDED HEART
Ezekiel 14:1-11

I. THE ELDERS HYPOCRITICAL INQUIRY (1-3a)

- A. The implied inquiry (1; 4b; 7b)

- B. The hypocrisy of seeking God with idolatress hearts (2-3a)

II. GOD’S INITIAL RESPONSE (3b-5)

- A. **Will God answer these hypocritical elders?** They don’t deserve an answer because of their divided idolatress hearts (3b)

- B. **What will God answer?** Not their inquiry but the issue of their idolatress hearts (4)

- C. **Why is God giving them and answer?** To lay hold of hearts that are estranged (5)

III. THE UNEXPECTED ANSWER: REPENT (6-8)

- A. **Repent and turn from your idolatry (6)**

- B. **Why Repent? Because God is about to judge and make examples of all who do the same in the land and then you will know He is the Lord (7-8)**

IV. AN INTERESTING QUESTION: What about the double minded who inquires of a double minded prophet? (9-11)

- A. **God is against them, and they will be destroyed (9)**

- B. **They both will be visibly punished for their sin, so that Israel in the future will see it and be saved,** to never stray from the Lord again nor any longer defile themselves with their sin (10-11)