

“THE SOUL THAT SINS WILL DIE”
GOD’S SOLUTION TO THE BLAME GAME
Ezekiel 18

- I. **ISRAEL’S ATTITUDE DESCRIBED IN A PROVERB: It’s not our fault, it’s yours (1-2)**
- II. **GOD’S RESPONSE: You sin, you die (3-18)**
 - A. **An Oath:** This proverb will not be used again (3)
 - B. **WHY?** All souls are His, **the sinning soul will die! (4)**
 - C. **TWO ILLUSTRATIONS of personal responsibility (5-18)**
 - 1. A righteous dad and a sinning son (5-13)
 - 2. A righteous son and a sinning dad (14-18)
- III. **ISRAEL’S OBJECTIONS ANSWERED: You’re personally responsible (19-24)**
 - A. Their objection: Doesn’t the Second Commandment support our view? (19a)
 - B. God’s answer: The righteous will live, the sinning soul will die (19b-20)
 - C. An illustration: The repentant sinner will live, the righteous who stray will die (21-24)
- IV. **THE CORE OF THEIR OBJECTION: They say God’s ways are wrong (25-28)**
 - A. They say...God’s ways are not just (25a)
 - B. God says **your ways not right**, as illustrated by the righteous who stray will die (25b-26)
 - C. An illustration in contrast: The repentant sinner will live (27-28)
- V. **THE CONCLUSION: You’re personally responsible; I don’t desire your death, therefore repent and live! (29-32)**
 - A. Israel you’re wrong, you’re personally responsible and you will be judged (29-30a)
 - B. **THEREFORE, REPENT AND LIVE! (30b-32)**