

SO YOU THINK YOU ARE FOLLOWING JESUS?
UNVEILING SELF-DECEPTION AND ITS ETERNAL CONSEQUENCES
Ezekiel 33:21-33

- I. **THE LORD PREPARES EZEKIEL (The Watchman cf. 33:1-20) TO SHARE HIS WORD (21-22)**
 - A. Refugees arrive with the news of Jerusalem's fall (585 BC) (21)
 - B. God's hand is heavy on him (22a)
 - C. His mouth is opened (22b)

- II. **THE LORD CALLS UPON THE WATCHMAN (Ezekiel) TO ADDRESS THE SELF-DECEIVED in the land: **THOSE WHO HOLD TO GOD'S PROMISES, YET HOLD ON TO THEIR SIN** (23-29)**
 - A. God reveals their wicked mindset: They think they have a right to the land (23-24)
 - B. God's response through Ezekiel: No way will you possess it! (25-29)
 - 1. Do you think you can habitually sin and receive what God has promised? (25-26)
 - 2. Instead, you will be judged because of your sin (You and the land)! (27-28, 29)
 - 3. The result: Knowledge of the Lord through judgment (29)

- III. **THE LORD REVEALS TO EZEKIEL THAT THERE ARE SELF DECEIVED IN EXILE LISTENING TO HIM: THEY ARE **THOSE WHO FANCY BIBLICAL TRUTH, YET DON'T OBEY IT** (30-33)**
 - A. God reveals their wicked mindset: They desire an experience (30-31)
 - 1. What they say: Ezekiel is the talk of the town (Exiles) (30)
 - 2. What they do: They come and listen to Ezekiel, but do not obey (31)
 - B. God reveals their wicked hearts: They have a perverse delight in God's Word, but do not do it (32)
 - C. The result: They will know the Lord through judgment when His Word comes to pass (33)