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There are two proverbs, or sayings addressed Ezekiel 18. The first is the fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge. Today we often say like father like son. This is shown to not be true. It defines a righteous father and sinful son, followed by a righteous son. Each is judged based on what they do, and not on the others.

It is said the righteous man will live and the ungodly man will die. It is appointed unto man once to die, and then the judgment. This doesn't talk about physical life and death, for all would die, but eternal: heaven or hell. We see physical things and believe that's the way things are, but it is spiritual things that will endure. Verse 20 tells us the soul that sinneth, it shall die. All bodies will die. Will my soul live or die?

The righteous man is described as not following the false gods, and practices most were doing. After that the relationship with others is shown to be godly, then that he keeps God's statutes and judgments. You can't separate these, or look at just part of it. You can't be godly while allowing idolatry, or any of its practices. You can't be godly if you don't love people, and you can't be godly if you don't seek out and follow the law of God. When it talks of the man who was raised by an ungodly father it repeats this list almost exactly, and in the same order. Only one line is left out and two are switched in order. It doesn't matter what your background is; God requires the same things of you. It doesn't matter what culture, or how you were raised. What matters is your heart totally given to God. It doesn't matter if you have received the Holy Ghost: what matters is has the Holy Ghost received you. It is the one who is led by the Spirit of God that is a son of God.

The unrighteous man is described as a robber, a shedder of blood and then gives a list, but says if he does any one of these things. You don't have to do it all to be unrighteous, just any one. James 2:10 tells us "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." There is no blueprint for unrighteousness; anything that is not wholly of God is sin. It doesn't matter whether you get wrong, wrong, only if you get right, right.

It is plainly shown that someone could be living one way and turn to the other. The sinner can repent of his sin and choose to live in righteousness. The righteous person can believe it doesn't matter and be given to sin. A person has to choose how they will live. This doesn't take God's part out of it, but it does say God gives us the freedom to make our choice. God wants all men to serve Him, but it has to be our own choice to do so. We can't please God without His Spirit in our lives, but it is still our choice to allow Him.

This leads right into the second proverb. The way of the LORD is not equal. As we would say today, it's just not fair. God's ways are indeed fair, even when we don't understand them. When things happen to us it is easy to ask why. We are after building a good life for ourselves, God is after building us. All things are not necessarily good, but all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

God's cry went out to them to repent, and turn from all their transgressions. He wanted them to make a new heart and a new spirit, following the way of the LORD, and not die in their sins. God always wants what is best for His people, and He would have all to be His people. Too often God's people look at each other instead of God. Just because someone does something

doesn't make it right for you. Even if it is not of sin it may cause you to stumble and be wrong for you. We each have to walk the path that God leads. You can't stay out of church because someone is a hypocrite, but must work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. (Philippians 2:12)

Bro. Ernie Fowler, Author of The Acts of the Apostles and ABI Minister

Up Coming Events:

ABI Camp Meeting & General Conference 2016
August 3rd – 5th
Grangerland Community Center 35636 FM 3083 Grangerland TX 77302

Hotel Recommendation: Porter Executive Inn & Suites
23998 FM 1314 RD Porter TX 77365

[\(281\) 354-9988](tel:(281)354-9988)

\$55 A Night – King Size Bed

\$59.00 A night Double Queen

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