"THE SOUL THAT SINS WILL DIE"

God's Solution to the Blame Game

Ezekiel 18

I. ISRAEL'S ATTITUDE DESCRIBED IN A PROVERB: It is not our fault (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: God's ways are wrong (25-28)

A. They say…God's ways are not just (25a)

B. God says, you're ways not right (25b-26)

C. Another illustration: The righteous who stray will die, 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)