



SERIES: MAY- JULY: THE MAIN THING

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Scripture: Ezekiel

TITLE – Ezekiel – God Restores

On a recent flight, I began to watch a show called “The Repair Shop.” It’s about this group of people who are master wood workers, clock makers, and restoration specialists for antiques. They could take a 300-year-old clock which is broken and mangled and make it new. They could take a Victorian chair that looks like a wolverine beat it up and restore it as if it was never used. Truly amazing what this team can do.

But what they do does not even compare to the restoration that God offers His people. This is why we should read the book of Ezekiel. It’s all about the promise and realization of restoration.

The book of Ezekiel was written by the Prophet Ezekiel between 592-570 B.C. Like Jeremiah, he was a priest who was called to be a prophet of the Lord. His prophetic ministry shows a priestly emphasis in his concern with the temple, priesthood, sacrifices, and *shekinah* (the glory of God).

Like most of the other prophets, Ezekiel’s two-fold theme was condemnation (1–32) and consolation (33–48). When the city of Jerusalem fell, Ezekiel comforted the people by assuring them of God’s covenant promise of future blessing and complete restoration. Ezekiel’s section on divine consolation is more detailed and extensive than that of his contemporary, Jeremiah.¹

Is Christ found in Ezekiel? Yes. Chapter 17:22–24, depicts the Messiah as a tender twig that becomes a stately cedar on a lofty mountain, as He is similarly called the Branch in Isaiah (Isaiah 11:1), Jeremiah (Jeremiah 23:5; Jeremiah 33:15), and Zechariah (Zechariah 3:8; Zechariah 6:12). The Messiah is the King who has the right to rule (Ezekiel 21:26–27), and He is the true Shepherd who will deliver and feed His flock (Ezekiel 34:11–31).²

What’s the main thing of Ezekiel? It’s restoration. God is in the business of saving our souls and restoring our lives and future. Ezekiel 36:24-28 (CSB):

“For I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries, and will bring you into your own land. I will also sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. I will cleanse you from all your impurities and all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will place my Spirit within you and cause you to follow my statutes and carefully observe my ordinances. You will live in the land that I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.”

¹ Bruce Wilkinson and Kenneth Boa, [Talk Thru the Bible](#) (Nashville: T. Nelson, 1983), 214.

² Bruce Wilkinson and Kenneth Boa, [Talk Thru the Bible](#) (Nashville: T. Nelson, 1983), 215.

You see friend, this is what God does. He promises restoration and he delivers it in spades.

So here's my challenge for you today: celebrate the restoration. Many of us resist becoming all God saves us to be. We want heart transformation without the complete makeover. But God cares too much about us to accept that. Today, celebrate what God is doing in you. And there is no greater way to celebrate it than to embrace it.

When we celebrate God's restoration in our lives, we will win the day.