

Class #12 - God's Face Set

Objectives:

- Explain why God was not pleased about being consulted by the elders of Israel.
- Name the three individuals that would not deliver Israel if they were around.

Opening Discussion

Why these three people? Why might they be fitting to refer to in this context?

Elders of Israel (Ezekiel 14:1-11)

- Again (see 8:1) the elders of Israel come to Ezekiel to _____ God. (14:1-3)
- But, the reality is that they have set up _____ in their _____ and are _____ from God. (14:3-5)
- God doesn't want idolatrous people to _____ of Him, He wants them to _____! (14:6-8)
- If a _____ speaks to these people (to _____ them), he will be destroyed along with the people. (14:9-10)
- What is the goal of the punishment stated here? (14:11, see also 14:4-5)

They Could Not Deliver (Ezekiel 14:12-23)

- What's the principle of God's judgment being explained here?
- In what way will the survivors bring comfort to the exiles? (14:21-23)

Useless Jerusalem (Ezekiel 15)

- God compares Jerusalem to the wood of a _____ which has been _____ and is fit for nothing but to be _____ for a fire.

Closing Discussion

If we are also a vine (see John 15), how do we avoid being useless?