

Redeemer C.S.I. Church Kansas Bible Study Ezekiel Chapter 5 (03/14/2024,7pm to 8 pm)

Ezekiel chapter 5 primarily focuses on the consequences of Jerusalem's sins and God's judgment upon the city.

Key points:

- 1. Symbolic Actions:** God instructs Ezekiel to enact symbolic actions, such as shaving his head and dividing the hair, representing the impending judgment, and scattering of the people (Ezekiel 5:1-4).
- 2. Judgment and Punishment:** The chapter describes various forms of punishment that will befall Jerusalem, including famine, plague, and warfare. These are consequences of the city's disobedience and idolatry (Ezekiel 5:5-17).
- 3. Remnant Preserved:** Despite the severity of the judgment, a remnant of the people will be preserved by God, but they will experience hardship and exile (Ezekiel 5:12).
- 4. Symbolism of Hair:** The hair symbolizes the people of Jerusalem, and its division and scattering represent the destruction and dispersion of the population due to their sins (Ezekiel 5:1-4).
- 5. Witness to God's Judgment:** The destruction of Jerusalem will serve as a witness to the nations of God's righteousness and judgment against sin (Ezekiel 5:15-17). Overall, Ezekiel chapter 5 serves as a warning of the consequences of disobedience to God's commands and the inevitability of divine judgment for unrepentant sin.

The practical application points of Ezekiel Chapter 5

1. **Consequences of Sin:** Understand that sin has consequences. Just as Jerusalem faced judgment for its disobedience, individuals and communities today will face consequences for their actions. Recognizing the seriousness of sin and striving to obey God's commands is essential.

2. **Repentance and Humility:** Recognize the importance of repentance and humility before God. Ezekiel's symbolic actions highlight the need for repentance and turning away from sinful behavior. This chapter emphasizes acknowledging wrongdoing, seeking forgiveness, and returning to God.

3. **God's Sovereignty and Justice:** Reflect on God's sovereignty and justice. Despite the severity of the judgment, God's actions are righteous. This chapter reminds us that God controls history and will ultimately hold all people accountable for their actions.

4. **Remembrance of God's Word:** Take heed of God's warnings and teachings. Ezekiel's prophecy serves as a reminder to listen to God's word and live accordingly. Regular study and meditation on Scripture can help individuals stay aligned with God's will and avoid the pitfalls of disobedience.

5. **Compassion and Empathy:** Show compassion and empathy toward those facing hardship. Just as a remnant was preserved despite the judgment on Jerusalem, Christians are called to extend compassion and support to those suffering, whether due to their actions or external circumstances.