

## Redeemer C.S.I. Church Kansas Bible study

### Bible study Ezekiel chapter 33 on 1/16/2025 (7 P.m. to 8 P.m.) Rev. SureshKumar Nelson

Ezekiel 33 is a key chapter in the Bible, where the prophet Ezekiel is called to act as a “watchman” for the people of Israel. Below is a breakdown of its themes and a word-by-word explanation of critical parts of the text:

#### Key Themes of Ezekiel 33

1. **Responsibility of the Watchman:** Ezekiel is tasked with warning the people about impending judgment. If he warns them and they ignore him, their guilt is their own. If he fails to warn them, their blood is on him.

2. **Personal Accountability:** The chapter emphasizes individual responsibility for sin and righteousness.

3. **Repentance and Life:** God does not delight in the death of the wicked, calling them to repent and live.

4. **Judgment and Restoration:** The fall of Jerusalem is confirmed, but God’s plan for restoration is implied.

#### Verses 1–6: The Watchman’s Duty

- Word of the Lord: Refers to God’s direct communication to Ezekiel.
- Watchman: A metaphor for someone tasked with warning others of danger.
- Sword: Symbolizes judgment or destruction, often through war.
- Blow the trumpet: A call to alert people of impending danger.
- Blood: A symbol of responsibility or guilt for someone’s death.

#### Verses 7–9: Ezekiel’s Role as Watchman

- House of Israel: Refers to the nation of Israel, God’s chosen people.
- Hear the word at my mouth: Ezekiel is instructed to relay God’s message exactly as he hears it.
- Turn from his way: A call to repentance and abandoning sinful behavior.
- Iniquity: Synonym for sin, meaning moral wrongdoing.
- Deliver your soul: If Ezekiel warns them, he saves himself from guilt.

### **Verses 10–11: God’s Desire for Repentance**

- Our transgressions and sins: The people acknowledge their guilt.
- Pine away: A sense of despair over sin and impending judgment.
- Turn from your evil ways: A heartfelt call to repentance.
- I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked: God’s mercy and desire for people to live righteously.

### **Verses 12–20: Personal Accountability**

- Righteousness shall not deliver him: Past righteousness won’t save a person who turns to sin.
- Wickedness of the wicked: Sinful acts are not permanent if a person repents.
- Fair: God emphasizes His justice and fairness in dealing with people based on their actions.

### **Verses 21–22: Fall of Jerusalem**

- Escapee came to me: Someone who escaped the destruction of Jerusalem informs Ezekiel.
- My mouth was opened: Ezekiel regains his ability to speak, signaling a turning point in his mission.

### **Verses 23–29: Judgment on Those Remaining in the Land**

- Desolate places: Refers to the ruins of Israel after judgment.
- Abominations: Idolatrous practices and sins that led to their downfall.

### **Verses 30–33: People’s Response**

- Come to you as people come: The Israelites listen to Ezekiel’s words out of curiosity but fail to act on them.
- You are to them like a singer of love songs: Ezekiel’s words are pleasing to hear but are not taken seriously.
- It will come to pass: The fulfillment of Ezekiel’s warnings will prove his role as a prophet.

This chapter underscores the importance of heeding God’s warnings, personal accountability, and the possibility of redemption through repentance.