

Redeemer C S I. Kansas, Bible Study: Ezekiel 46

Theme: Worship, Obedience, and the Sanctity of God's House

Context:

Ezekiel 46 continues the vision of the future temple and worship practices in a restored Israel. The chapter outlines regulations for the prince, the people, and the daily and special sacrifices, emphasizing reverence, obedience, and order in worship. This vision reveals God's desire for worship that is consistent, pure, and reflective of His holiness.

Key Sections & Insights:

1. Worship on the Sabbath and New Moons (vv. 1–8)

The east gate of the inner court is to be opened on the Sabbath and New Moons, signifying sacred times of worship. The prince and the people are to offer specific sacrifices and worship before the Lord.

Insight: God sets apart times for worship, showing that regular and reverent gathering before Him is vital.

2. Offerings and Observances (vv. 9–15)

Instructions are given for how people should enter and exit the temple during feasts. Offerings are outlined for daily worship, emphasizing routine devotion.

Insight: Worship is not just seasonal or occasional, but a daily, heartfelt offering to God.

3. The Prince's Inheritance (vv. 16–18)

Regulations are provided regarding the prince's inheritance to ensure fairness and prevent oppression.

Insight: God upholds justice and ensures that leaders use their power righteously and without abuse.

4. Sacred Kitchens and Temple Purity (vv. 19–24)

Designated places are described for priests to prepare offerings to keep sacred and common areas distinct.

Insight: God desires that His house be honored and kept holy, emphasizing the importance of order and reverence in ministry.

Spiritual Applications:

- Worship is central to life with God—it must be sincere, regular, and done with reverence.
- Leadership comes with responsibility and accountability before God.
- God’s holiness calls for careful distinction between what is sacred and common in our lives.

Discussion Questions:

- * 1. What does the regularity of worship in Ezekiel 46 teach us about God’s desire for relationship with His people?
- * 2. How can we ensure our own worship practices are rooted in reverence and sincerity?
- * 3. What can today’s leaders learn from God’s instructions to the prince regarding inheritance and justice?
- * 4. How can we apply the principle of keeping sacred things honored in our daily lives and church practices?