

## ***God's Wrath and the Church***

### **Ezekiel 24:1-27**

#### Main Point:

Put your confidence in Christ (not your church membership) and take your sin seriously so that you are spared from God's wrath.

1. Those in the church are not automatically protected from God's wrath.

2. Those in the church who refuse to repent and be corrected are especially liable to God's wrath.

3. Those in the church who put their confidence in Jesus Christ are mercifully spared from God's wrath.

**2 Kings 25:1-2** 1 Now it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth *day* of the month, *that* Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army came against Jerusalem and encamped against it; and they built a siege wall against it all around. 2 So the city was besieged until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. (NKJV)

**Ezekiel 11:2-3** 2 And He said to me: “Son of man, these *are* the men who devise iniquity and give wicked counsel in this city, 3 who say, “*The time is* not near to build houses; this *city is* the caldron, and we *are* the meat.’ (NKJV)

**Derek Thomas** "It is the error of countless numbers of people that because they are in possession of the outward symbols of Christianity, they suppose they are therefore partakers of its inward, spiritual reality. There can be no greater, or more costly error."

**Matthew Henry** “They commit their murders in the face of the sun, and openly and impudently avow them, in defiance of the justice both of God and man.”

**Iain Duguid** "God's patience, long-suffering though it is, will ultimately be exhausted, and the fire of his wrath will be poured out ... because there is no other suitable means for dealing with recalcitrant, impenitent sinners.”

**Matthew Henry** “Those who regard not the threatenings of the word when they are preached will be made to remember them when they are executed.”

**Derek Thomas** "Ezekiel's powerful and effective ministry was the result of ... a submissive, unselfish response to his trouble.”

**Christopher Wright** “They would do exactly as he had done – mourn with a mourning too great for words and symbolic gestures. They would be paralyzed with a devastating, debilitating, wasting grief...”

**Iain Duguid** "That God takes such dramatic action to highlight the situation is a measure of the seriousness of Judah's sin and the pain level of the coming judgment ...”

**Christopher Wright** “The God who took Ezekiel's wife was the God who would give up his own beloved Son to death on the cross.”