

THINK ON
THESE
THINGS

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

The Soul Who Sins Shall Die



THE IMMEDIATE CONTEXT

Ezekiel 18

- **False Beliefs About Personal Responsibility**
 - **The False Proverb** **v. 2**
 - **God Forbids It, and Why** **w. 3, 4**
 - **The Just Shall Live** **w. 5-9**
 - **His Wicked Son Shall Die** **w. 10-13**
 - **His Righteous Son Shall Live** **w. 14-17**



THE IMMEDIATE CONTEXT

Ezekiel 18

- **The Principles of Righteousness**
 - **The Soul Who Sins Shall Die** **w. 4, 20**
 - **Each Bears His Guilt** **v. 20**
 - **Personal Responsibility for Actions** **w. 21–24**
 - **Caution with Claims of ‘Unfair’** **w. 25, 29**
 - **Repentance is Preferred** **w. 30–32**



WHAT WE CAN KNOW FROM THIS

- **God's Judgment is Fair**

- **He Is A Just Judge**

Psalm 7:11; 145:17

- **Everything is Known to Him**

Ecclesiastes 12:14; 1st Corinthians 4:5



WHAT WE CAN KNOW FROM THIS

- **We Are Responsible for Self**

- **Judged for Self**

Romans 14:10, 12; 2nd Corinthians 5:10

- **Facing Eternal Life or Condemnation**

John 5:28, 29; Matthew 25:46



WHAT WE CAN KNOW FROM THIS

- **God Desires Our Repentance**

- **A Common Plea and Demand**

Jer. 25:5; 3:7; Deut. 4:30; Acts 17:30

- **No Joy in the Death of the Wicked**

Ezekiel 18:23, 32; 2nd Peter 3:9



WHAT WE CAN KNOW FROM THIS

- **There is No 'Inherited Sin'**
 - **A Transgression, Not an Inheritance**

1st John 3:4

- **Death Spread 'Because All Sinned'**

Romans 5:12; 3:23; Ezekiel 18:20



WHAT THIS SHOULD MEAN TO US

- **We Must Take Personal Responsibility**

- I Must Know God's Will

Ephesians 5:17

- I Must Do God's Will

Matthew 7:21; James 1:22-25; Hebrews 5:9



WHAT THIS SHOULD MEAN TO US

- **I Cannot Blame Others**
 - **The Wicked Son of the Righteous One**

Ezekiel 18:5-13, 20

- **Not Even Family**

Matthew 10:37



WHAT THIS SHOULD MEAN TO US

- **I Cannot Blame God**
 - **Questioning God is Not Wise**
Romans 9:14-24
 - **We Often Bring Suffering on Self**
Amos 4:6-12; Jeremiah 5:3

