

**KJV Ezekiel 18:1** The word of the LORD came unto me again, saying,

**2** What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?

**3** As I live, saith the Lord GOD, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel.

**4** Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

**5** But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right,

**6** And hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither hath defiled his neighbour's wife, neither hath come near to a menstruous woman,

**7** And hath not oppressed any, but hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment;

**8** He that hath not given forth upon usury, neither hath taken any increase, that hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true judgment between man and man,

**9** Hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judgments, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord GOD.

**30** Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

**31** Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

**32** For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.

**NLT Ezekiel 18:1** Then another message came to me from the LORD:

**2** "Why do you quote this proverb concerning the land of Israel: 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, but their children's mouths pucker at the taste'?"

**3** As surely as I live, says the Sovereign LORD, you will not quote this proverb anymore in Israel.

**4** For all people are mine to judge—both parents and children alike. And this is my rule: The person who sins is the one who will die.

**5** Suppose a certain man is righteous and does what is just and right.

**6** He does not feast in the mountains before Israel's idols or worship them. He does not commit adultery or have intercourse with a woman during her menstrual period.

**7** He is a merciful creditor, not keeping the items given as security by poor debtors. He does not rob the poor but instead gives food to the hungry and provides clothes for the needy.

**8** He grants loans without interest, stays away from injustice, is honest and fair when judging others,

**9** and faithfully obeys my decrees and regulations. Anyone who does these things is just and will surely live, says the Sovereign LORD.

**30** Therefore, I will judge each of you, O people of Israel, according to your actions, says the Sovereign LORD. Repent, and turn from your sins. Don't let them destroy you!

**31** Put all your rebellion behind you, and find yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O people of Israel?

**32** I don't want you to die, says the Sovereign LORD. Turn back and live!"