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Sunday Mornings Messages

**July 31 – “Our Shame and Forgiveness”
(Ezekiel 16:44-63)**

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)

**August 7 – “The Tree the Lord Planted”
(Ezekiel 17:1-24)**

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)

**August 14 – “Taking Responsibility”
(Ezekiel 18:1-20)**

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)

**August 21 – “God of Mercy”
(Ezekiel 18:21-32)**

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)

Sunday Evening Messages

**July 24 – “Faith is Perfected by Works”
(James 2:14-26) Pastor Matthew Downs**

**July 31 – “Doers of the Word, #1,
Pure Speech is Self-Controlled”
(James 3:1-12) PIT Tom Croke**

**August 7 – “Doers of the Word, #2,
Two Kinds of Wisdom”
(James 3:13-18) PIT Tom Croke**

“Misusing the Gifts of God”

July 24, 2022
Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

PG-13 - PARENTS BE ADVISED SOME GRAPHIC CONTENT!

Ezekiel 16:15 – “But you trusted in your beauty and played the harlot because of your fame, and you poured out your harlotries on every passer-by who might be willing. (16) “You took some of your clothes, made for yourself high places of various colors and played the harlot on them, which should never come about nor happen. (17) You also took your beautiful jewels made of My gold and of My silver, which I had given you, and made for yourself male images that you might play the harlot with them. (18) “then you took your embroidered cloth and covered them, and offered My oil and My incense before them. (19) “Also My bread which I gave you, fine flour, oil and honey with which I fed you, you would offer before them for a soothing aroma; so it happened,” declares the Lord God.

- All _____
God gave to them they used for Idolatry

What Physical Thing Has God Given to Us That We Worship in Our Culture?

Ezekiel 16:20 – “Moreover, you took your sons and daughters whom you had borne to Me and sacrificed them to idols to be devoured. Were your harlotries so small a matter? (21) “You slaughtered My children and offered them up to idols by causing them to pass through the fire,

- The Climax of the offenses of Jerusalem was

Ezekiel 16:22 – “Besides all your abominations and harlotries you did not remember the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare and squirming in your blood.

- Those who forget how much they’ve been given become

Ezekiel 16:23 – “Then it came about after all your wickedness (‘Woe, woe to you!’ declares the Lord God), (24) that you built yourself a shrine and made yourself a high place in every square. (25) “You built yourself a high place at the top of every street and made your beauty abominable, and you spread your legs to every passer-by to multiply your harlotry.”

Ezekiel 16:26 – “You also played the harlot with the Egyptians, your lustful neighbors, and multiplied your harlotry to make Me angry. (27) “Behold now, I have stretched out My hand against you and diminished your rations. And I delivered you up to the desire of those who hate you, the daughters of the Philistines, who are ashamed of your lewd conduct. (28) “Moreover, you played the harlot with the Assyrians because you were not satisfied; you played the harlot with them and still were not satisfied. (29) “You also multiplied your harlotry with the land of merchants, Chaldea, yet even with this you were not satisfied.” (30) “How languishing is your heart,” declares the Lord God, “while you do all these things, the actions of a bold-faced harlot.

- Jerusalem looks to _____ and _____ alliances for protection, satisfaction and security - Egyptians/Assyrians/Chaldeans

Ezekiel 16:31 – “When you built your shrine at the beginning of every street and made your high place in every square, in disdain of money, you were not like a harlot. (32) “You Adulteress wife, who takes strangers instead of her husband! (33) “Men give gifts to all harlots, but you give your gifts to all your lovers to bribe them to come to you from every direction for your harlotries. (34) “Thus you are different from those women in your harlotries, in that no one plays the harlot as you do, because you give money and no money is given you; thus you are different.”

- The reality of Idolatry and Adultery - we often give up _____ and we never _____ what we’re truly looking for

Ezekiel 16:35 – Therefore, O harlot, hear the word of the Lord. (36) Thus says the Lord God, “Because your lewdness was poured out and your nakedness uncovered through your harlotries with your lovers and with all your detestable idols, and because of the blood of

your sons which you gave to idols, (37) therefore, behold, I will gather all your lovers with whom you took pleasure, even all those whom you loved and all those whom you hated. So I will gather them against you from every direction and expose your nakedness to them that they may see all your nakedness. (38) “Thus I will judge you like women who commit adultery or shed blood are judged; and I will bring on you the blood of wrath and jealousy.

- Leviticus 20:10 – ‘If there is a man who commits adultery with another man’s wife, one who commits adultery with his friend’s wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.
- Exodus 21:12 – “He who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely be put to death.
- Leviticus 24:17 – ‘If the man takes the life of any human being, he shall surely be put to death.

Ezekiel 16:39 – “I will also give you into the hands of your lovers, and they will tear down your shrines, demolish your high places, strip you of your clothing, take away your jewels, and will leave you naked and bare. (40) “They will incite a crowd against you and they will stone you and cut you to pieces with their swords. (41) “They will burn your houses with fire and execute judgments on you in the sight of many women. Then I will stop you from playing the harlot, and you will also no longer pay your lovers. (42) “So I will calm My fury against you and My jealousy will depart from you, and I will be pacified and angry no more. (43) “Because you have not remembered the days of your youth but have enraged Me by all these things, behold, I in turn will bring your conduct down on your own head,” declares the Lord God, “so that you will not commit this lewdness on top of all your other abominations.

The Idolatry That You Run to Will Eventually Be Your Destruction

**If You Continually Use the Gifts God Has Given You in Rebellion
- Eventually He will Remove them from You**

What gifts has God given you?

What are you using them for?

How can you use the gifts God has given you for His glory??