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Sunday Mornings Messages

**January 15 – “Restoration of the Land – In Jesus”
(Ezekiel 35:1-36:15)**

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

**January 22 – “Restoration of the Holiness of God – in Jesus”
(Ezekiel 36:16-38)**

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

**January 29 – “The Restoration of the Dead – In Jesus”
(Ezekiel 37:1-14)**

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

**February 5 – “Truth Will Prevail”
(Ezekiel 37:15-28)**

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

Sunday Evening Messages

**January 8 – “Faithful – Always Faithful”
(Romans 3:1-4) Pastor Matthew Downs**

**January 15 – “Faithful – The Ends Justify the Means”
(Romans 3:5-8) Pastor Matthew Downs**

**January 22 – “Faithful – Righteousness in the Flesh”
(Romans 3:9-26) Pastor Matthew Downs**

“Wisdom and Knowledge Cannot Save”

January 8, 2023
Pastor Matthew Downs

Ezekiel 34:1 – *Then the word of the Lord came to me saying,*

Ezekiel 34:2 – *“Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. Prophesy and say to those shepherds, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Woe, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flock?”*

Ezekiel 34:3 – *“You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat sheep without feeding the flock.*

Ezekiel 34:4 – *“Those who are sickly you have not strengthened, the diseased you have not healed, the broken you have not bound up, the scattered you have not brought back, nor have you sought for the lost; but with force and with severity you have dominated them.*

Ezekiel 34:5 – *“They were scattered for lack of a shepherd, and they become food for every beast of the field and were scattered.*

Ezekiel 34:6 – *“My flock wandered through all the mountains and on every high hill; My flock was scattered over all the surface of the earth, and there was no one to search or seek for them.””*

Ezekiel 34:7 – *Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord:*

Ezekiel 34:8 – *“As I live,” declares the Lord God, “surely because My flock has become a prey, My flock has even become food for all the beasts of the field for lack of a shepherd, and My shepherds did not search for My flock, but rather the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock;*

Ezekiel 34:9 – *therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord:*

Ezekiel 34:10 – *‘Thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will demand My sheep from them and make them cease from feeding sheep. So the shepherds will not feed themselves anymore, but I will deliver My flock from their mouth, so that they will not be food for them.””*

Ezekiel 34:11 – *For thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out.*

Ezekiel 34:12 – *As a shepherd cares for his herd in the day when he is among his scattered sheep, so I will care for My sheep and will deliver them from all the places to which they were scattered on a cloudy and gloomy day.*

Ezekiel 34:13 – *“I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them to their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the streams, and in all the inhabited places of the land.*

Ezekiel 34:14 – *“I will feed them in a good pasture, and their grazing ground will be on the mountain heights of Israel. There they will lie down on good grazing ground and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.*

Ezekiel 34:15 – *“I will feed My flock and I will lead them to rest,” declares the Lord God.*

Ezekiel 34:16 – *“I will seek the lost, bring back the scattered, bind up the broken and strengthen the sick; but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with judgment.*

Ezekiel 34:17 – *“As for you, My flock, thus says the Lord God, ‘Behold, I will judge between one sheep and another, between the rams and the male goats.*

Ezekiel 34:18 – *‘Is it too slight a thing for you that you should feed in the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pastures? Or that you should drink of the clear waters, that you must foul the rest with your feet?*

Ezekiel 34:19 – *‘As for My flock, they must eat what you tread down with your feet and drink what you foul with your feet!’”*

Ezekiel 34:20 – *therefore, thus says the Lord God to them, “Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.*

Ezekiel 34:21 – *“Because you push with side and with shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns until you have scattered them abroad,*

Ezekiel 34:22 – *therefore, I will deliver My flock, and they will no longer be a prey; and I will judge between one sheep and another.*

Ezekiel 34:23 – *“Then I will set over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he will feed them; he will feed them himself and be their shepherd.*

Ezekiel 34:24 – *“And I, the Lord, will be their God, and My servant David will be prince among them; I the Lord have spoken.*

Ezekiel 34:25 – *“I will make a covenant of peace with them and eliminate harmful beasts from the land so that they may live securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods.*

Ezekiel 34:26 – *“I will make them and the places around My hill a blessing. And I will cause showers to come down in their season; they will be showers of blessing.*

Ezekiel 34:27 – *“Also the tree of the field will yield its fruit and the earth will yield its increase, and they will be secure on their land. Then they will know that I am the Lord, when I have broken the bars of their yoke and have delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them.*

Ezekiel 34:28 – *“They will no longer be a prey to the nations, and the beasts of the earth will not devour them; but they will live securely, and no one will make them afraid.*

Ezekiel 34:29 – *“I will establish for them a renowned planting place, and they will not again be victims of famine in the land, and they will not endure the insults of the nations anymore.*

Ezekiel 34:30 – *“Then they will know that I, the Lord their God, am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are My people,” declares the Lord God.*

Ezekiel 34:31 – *“As for you, My sheep, the sheep of My pasture, you are men, and I am your God,” declares the Lord God.*