

# **A Study of the Prophets**

## **O.T. Survey Lesson 176--Ezekiel 18:1-32**

**Introduction:** The people of Israel were disposed to find fault with God for His dealings with them. They argued that God was punishing the children for the sins of their parents. In this chapter Ezekiel answers a common proverb spoken among them.

**Lesson aim:** To emphasize that God judges each person according to his deeds.

### **God answers a common proverb--Ezekiel 18:1-32**

1. What proverb was commonly spoken among the people? (v. 2) What do you think this proverb means?
2. What did God say about this proverb? (v. 3) By what principle did God reveal that He would deal with both the father and the son? (v. 4)
3. Make a list of the features of a righteous man (v. 6-9). What did God say about him? What about the son of such a man who did the opposite of his father? (v. 10-13)
4. What truth does God affirm about the son who does not walk in his father's iniquity? (v. 14-18) What about the father?
5. Why should the son not bear the iniquity of the father? (v. 19-20)
6. What if a wicked man repents of his evil? (v. 21-23) Does God find pleasure in the death of the wicked?
7. What if a righteous man goes into apostasy? (v. 24)
8. What did God say to those who argued that His ways were not right? (v. 25-29)
9. Upon what basis did God reveal He would judge each man? (v. 30) What did He urge everyone to do? (v. 31-32)

