

The Mission Assigned to the Prophet of God Ezekiel 02:01–07

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| <p>1. <i>He must know that he is a “son of man”:</i> Human, weak, frail</p> <p>2. <i>He must arise and listen to God</i></p> <p>3. <i>He must receive and be filled (empowered) with God’s Spirit</i></p> <p>a. The Spirit entered Ezekiel</p> <p>b. The Spirit set him on his feet</p> <p>4. <i>He must go and share God’s Word</i></p> <p>a. The people’s condition</p> <p>1) Were rebellious</p> <p>2) Had transgressed, revolted against God</p> <p>3) Were impudent, obstinate and hard-hearted</p> <p>b. The prophet’s duty:
To share whether they listened or not</p> <p>c. The LORD’s purpose:
To give the people an opportunity to hear a prophet (His Word)</p> | <p>1 He said to me,
“Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you.”</p> <p>2 As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.</p> <p>3 He said: “Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day.</p> <p>4 The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says.’</p> <p>5 And whether they listen or fail to listen — for they are a rebellious people — they will know that a prophet has been among them.</p> |
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Emphasized three times

a. The persecution by the people

1) Some would use words
to ridicule and scoff at him

2) Some would lie in wait
at every turn to harm him

3) Others would try to poison
his ministry or kill him

b. The duty of the prophet:
To be faithful
in proclaiming God's Word —
no matter the response

do not be afraid of them or their words.

Do not be afraid,
though briars and thorns are all around you
and you live among scorpions.

Do not be afraid of what they say
or be terrified by them,
though they are a rebellious people.

7 You must speak my words to them,
whether they listen or fail to listen,
for they are rebellious.