

October 1, 2017

A reading from Ezekiel

All Services

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

The word of the Lord.

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READING: Psalm 25

Early Service Only

“We will read the Psalm responsively.”

L: ¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C: ²O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.

**L: ³Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

C: ⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.

**L: ⁵Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.**

C: ⁶Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

**L: ⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!**

C: ⁸Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

**L: ⁹He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.**