



# The Death of Delight

Ezk.24:15-27

# Ezekiel 24:2

The siege of Jerusalem has begun

# God's prophets were not superhuman

## 1. Ezk.24:16, the spouse

**“the desire of your eyes”**

Treasure, lovely; desirable, precious  
(eyes take delight in); dearest treasure

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1. Ezk.24:16, the spouse
2. Ezk.24:16, **the separation**

**“I take away from you”**  
(Job 1:21)

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2. Ezk.24:16, the separation
3. Ezk.24:16, **the sickness**

**“with one stroke”**

(plague, pestilence, one fatal stroke)

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1. Ezk.24:16, the spouse
2. Ezk.24:16, the separation
3. Ezk.24:16, the sickness
4. Ezk.24:16-17, **the sighing**

**“neither mourn nor weep...”**

Ezekiel could sigh (groan, mourn)  
silently / inwardly, not aloud (Mk.5:38)

# Five Mourning Instructions

1. Do not mourn, weep, let tears run down. Job 2:12. [Ezk.27:30-32]
2. Bind on turban (Josh.7:6).
3. Put on shoes (2 Sm.15:30).
4. Do not cover lips (Mic.3:7).
5. ...or eat bread of men (meal to show sympathy, Jer.16:7).

# People ready to offer sympathy (18-19) but he is not mourning

- Acted parable conveys grim message (20-27)
  - Jews will lose their delight
- Jer.16:5-9



# I. Providence of God

# We can trust Him

- Sovereign Ruler, Creator (Gn.18:25)
- Perfect Ruler; overrides evil for good (Job 42:1-3)
- Omniscient Ruler; ways are above ours (Is.55:8-9)
- Eternal Ruler; rewards not restricted to earth-time

2 Sam.12

1 Th.4

I. Providence of God

II. Passion for God

# “No tears” – hardest command?

1. 20-24, believer: response to personal crises speaks louder than words
2. 1-14, Temple, Jerusalem, children...

## Some commands harder than others

1. Gn.22 / Lv.10
2. Jer.16:2 [1 Co.7]
3. Lk.14:26
4. Hb.5:7-9

Some cultures hire mourners [Am.5:16f.]  
Others need none.  
Ezekiel: act as if nothing happened.

I. Providence of God

II. Passion for God

**III. Partner for Life**

# Vows: till death do us part

- Ro.7:1-4
- Learn from Mr. & Mrs. Ezekiel

1. Live each day as if  
it were your last.

**Mr. & Mrs. Ezekiel**  
**Spiritual**  
**Prepared**  
**Young die too**

**Lk.12:20-21**  
**Secular**  
**Possessions**  
**~~'Many years'~~**

## 2. Live each day as if it were your spouses' last.

- Job 29:2-6
- If you could do it over, what would you change?
- Spend last day arguing over petty things? ... hypercritical?



### 3. Be thankful for each blessing – especially spouse.

- Gn.35:16-20

- Two results of grief –

1. Partiality to Joseph, Benjamin
2. Persistent pain over Joseph's 'death' (Gn.37:34-35)

## 4. Be a sign of a better way to live.

- Ezekiel was a sign to Jews (24)
- Mt.5:16, louder than words



Children

Immoral

Example

# Proverbs 31

**28** Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her:

**29** “Many daughters have done well,  
But you excel them all.”

**30** Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.

**31** Give her of the fruit of her hands,  
And let her own works praise her in the gates.