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Sermon – Today's Rebels

Scripture Ezekiel Chapter 2 & 3

Main Message – We see the same rebellious behavior today that Ezekiel saw in the distant past.

{Expository Style reading of Ezekiel 2 -3.}

Without knowledge of truth, people will easily drift into a place of comfort, which usually doesn't mean they are in a good place.

We all know what a rebellious child looks like don't we? Its not usually subtle is it?

What does a rebellious adult look like? Perhaps one that has committed crimes and is in Jail or some other thing.

What about the rebelliousness of **Apathy**? lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern.

Ezekiel had to go into a rebellious Israel, filled with God's words and proclaim their sin to them in a way needed to get their attention.

Some of those who were rebellious just wanted their life to continue on without change. Some wanted to worship things other than the living God. We could call them idols. There were a few idols back then that people worshiped, but today we have access to far more.

Self-Interest is an idol if taken to the extreme.

Pleasure is an Idol. Life isn't chasing after one pleasure or another continually awhile putting God on the back burner - *at best*.

Personally, I am glad that you are hear on Sunday. God is glad when you are with him each and every day, each and every way, and filled with His Spirit just like Ezekiel.

You have priestly responsibilities, which is explained in later chapters in Ezekiel.

You have heard his word. Proclaim it to those who are rebelling.

Its really nothing new, but we can see here in America, where we basically all speak the same language, people don't want to know the truth. They don't want to face the fact that they are separated from God by their sin and they don't want to feel uncomfortable.

Turns out I am hard headed too. It's my job to sometimes make people face uncomfortable situations and challenge them to seek God's will, which for the unsaved starts with the knowledge of the truth. For you, it is a challenge to grow in knowledge and obedience.

So if I ever hear a convicting message, and you act upon that conviction, then you are wise. If you ignore it, or downplay its importance, or rationalize it away, be careful that it's coming from God's will and not your own.