

Class #15 - Memory & Shame

Objectives:

- Name the two “sisters” of the city of Jerusalem.
- Identify the “guilt of Sodom” highlighted by God.
- Connect the ideas of forgiveness and shame in the new covenant.

Opening Discussion

Why do we not typically think of ourselves like the woman of Ezekiel 16?

Like Mother, Like Daughter (Ezekiel 16:44-52)

- God says Jerusalem bears a resemblance to her family: (16:44-46)
 - Mother: _____
 - Father: _____
 - Sisters: _____ & _____
- In fact, Jerusalem is _____ than her sisters! (16:47-48) How could that be?
- What does God say was the sin of Sodom? (16:49-50)
- By comparison, Jerusalem’s sisters are _____ righteous, which should make Jerusalem feel _____. (16:50-52)

Nevertheless (Ezekiel 16:53-63)

- God is going to _____ Sodom, Samaria, and Jerusalem. (16:53)
 - And what is the intended goal of this? (16:54-55)

- Jerusalem will become a _____ to the nations the way Sodom was in their own history. (16:56-57)
- Jerusalem is bearing the penalty of _____ the _____. (16:62-63)
- And yet, God is going to _____ His covenant, and make an _____ one with Jerusalem. (16:60)
- When God establishes this covenant and forgives their sins, they will _____ and be _____ at their ways. (16:61-63)

Closing Discussion

What is the role of shame in our relationship with God?