Righteous Wrath and Sovereign Grace

Lesson 5: Ezekiel 10-11
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Then they will know that I am the LORD

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Second command to the man in linen  
Ezekiel 10:1-5

1Then I looked, and behold, in the expanse that was over the heads of the cherubim something like a sapphire stone, in appearance resembling a throne, appeared above them. 2And He spoke to the man clothed in linen and said, “Enter between the whirling wheels under the cherubim and fill your hands with coals of fire from between the cherubim and scatter them over the city.” And he entered in my sight.  
3Now the cherubim were standing on the right side of the temple when the man entered, and the cloud filled the inner court.  
4Then the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub to the threshold of the temple, and the temple was filled with the cloud and the court was filled with the brightness of the glory of the LORD. 5Moreover, the sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard as far as the outer court, like the voice of God Almighty when He speaks.

- Whirling wheels:  2, 6, 13
- Wheels:  6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 19
- Movement of glory: cherub, threshold, cherubim, east gate, east of city
The obedience of the man in linen
Ezekiel 10:6-10

6It came about when He commanded the man clothed in linen, saying, “Take fire from between the whirling wheels, from between the cherubim,” he entered and stood beside a wheel. 7Then the cherub stretched out his hand from between the cherubim to the fire which was between the cherubim, took some and put it into the hands of the one clothed in linen, who took it and went out. 8The cherubim appeared to have the form of a man’s hand under their wings.

9Then I looked, and behold, four wheels beside the cherubim, one wheel beside each cherub; and the appearance of the wheels was like the gleam of a Tarshish stone. 10As for their appearance, all four of them had the same likeness, as if one wheel were within another wheel.
Further description of cherubim and wheels Ezekiel 10:11-15

11When they moved, they went in any of their four directions without turning as they went; but they followed in the direction which they faced, without turning as they went. 12Their whole body, their backs, their hands, their wings and the wheels were full of eyes all around, the wheels belonging to all four of them. 13The wheels were called in my hearing, the whirling wheels. 14And each one had four faces. The first face was the face of a cherub, the second face was the face of a man, the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle.

15Then the cherubim rose up. They are the living beings that I saw by the river Chebar.
More movement of the glory of the LORD
Ezekiel 10:16-19

16 Now when the cherubim moved, the wheels would go beside them; also when the cherubim lifted up their wings to rise from the ground, the wheels would not turn from beside them. 17 When the cherubim stood still, the wheels would stand still; and when they rose up, the wheels would rise with them, for the spirit of the living beings was in them.

18 Then the glory of the LORD departed from the threshold of the temple and stood over the cherubim. 19 When the cherubim departed, they lifted their wings and rose up from the earth in my sight with the wheels beside them; and they stood still at the entrance of the east gate of the LORD’s house, and the glory of the God of Israel hovered over them.

• The glory moves to the east gate
• The cherubim are connected with God’s movement
More movement of the glory of the LORD
Ezekiel 10:20-22

20 These are the living beings that I saw beneath the God of Israel by the river Chebar; so I knew that they were cherubim. 21 Each one had four faces and each one four wings, and beneath their wings was the form of human hands. 22 As for the likeness of their faces, they were the same faces whose appearance I had seen by the river Chebar. Each one went straight ahead.

• The living beings are cherubim
• Important characteristics
  • Four faces
  • Four wings
  • Hands under the wings
  • They went straight ahead
Chapter 11 Outline

• 11:1-4  What those who devise iniquity say
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• 11:14-15 What the inhabitants of Jerusalem say
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What those who devise iniquity say
Ezekiel 11:1-4

¹Moreover, the Spirit lifted me up and brought me to the east gate of the Lord’s house which faced eastward. And behold, there were twenty-five men at the entrance of the gate, and among them I saw Jaazaniah son of Azzur and Pelatiah son of Benaiah, leaders of the people. ²He said to me, “Son of man, these are the men who devise iniquity and give evil advice in this city, ³who say, ‘The time is not near to build houses. This city is the pot and we are the flesh.’ ⁴Therefore, prophesy against them, son of man, prophesy!”

• There were problems with those remaining in the land
• Is the time near, or not near to build?
• What is the function of the pot?
  • Protection
  • Trapped in the city
What God says
Ezekiel 11:5-11

5Then the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and He said to me, "Say, ‘Thus says the LORD, “So you think, house of Israel, for I know your thoughts. 6You have multiplied your slain in this city, filling its streets with them.’”
7Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, “Your slain whom you have laid in the midst of the city are the flesh and this city is the pot; but I will bring you out of it. 8You have feared a sword; so I will bring a sword upon you,” the Lord God declares. 9“And I will bring you out of the midst of the city and deliver you into the hands of strangers and execute judgments against you. 10You will fall by the sword. I will judge you to the border of Israel; so you shall know that I am the LORD. 11This city will not be a pot for you, nor will you be flesh in the midst of it, but I will judge you to the border of Israel.

• Those still alive were not the flesh, those they had killed were
• They would not be in the pot, but would be brought out
• Judgment would come
• Judgment shows who Yahweh is
What the inhabitants of Jerusalem say
Ezekiel 11:12-15

12 Thus you will know that I am the Lord; for you have not walked in My statutes nor have you executed My ordinances, but have acted according to the ordinances of the nations around you.””

13 Now it came about as I prophesied, that Pelatiah son of Benaiah died. Then I fell on my face and cried out with a loud voice and said, “Alas, Lord God! Will You bring the remnant of Israel to a complete end?”

14 Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 15 “Son of man, your brothers, your relatives, your fellow exiles and the whole house of Israel, all of them, are those to whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, ‘Go far from the Lord; this land has been given us as a possession.’

• Yahweh’s statutes show who He is
• Those in Jerusalem were discouraging the exiles
• Those still in the land thought they would be able to stay
What God says
Ezekiel 11:16-20

16 Therefore say, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Though I had removed them far away among the nations and though I had scattered them among the countries, yet I was a sanctuary for them a little while in the countries where they had gone.”’ 17 Therefore say, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “I will gather you from the peoples and assemble you out of the countries among which you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.”’ 18 When they come there, they will remove all its detestable things and all its abominations from it. 19 And I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them. And I will take the heart of stone out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, 20 that they may walk in My statutes and keep My ordinances and do them. Then they will be My people, and I shall be their God.
The glory of the LORD leaves Jerusalem
Ezekiel 11:21-25

21 But as for those whose hearts go after their detestable things and abominations, I will bring their conduct down on their heads,” declares the Lord God.

22 Then the cherubim lifted up their wings with the wheels beside them, and the glory of the God of Israel hovered over them.

23 The glory of the Lord went up from the midst of the city and stood over the mountain which is east of the city. 24 And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God to the exiles in Chaldea. So the vision that I had seen left me. 25 Then I told the exiles all the things that the Lord had shown me.

• Judgment will come for those who don’t turn from evil
• The glory of God leaves the city
• This completes the vision started in chapter 8
Summary

• God’s judgment teaches us about Him
• God’s salvation teaches us about Him
• God’s statutes teach us about Him
• God is a sanctuary to His people
• Sinners need a new heart and a new spirit from God