

Meditation on Ezekiel 2:1-3:3

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Although Ezekiel had not read the scroll, he was called to go to the house of Israel and speak with God’s words to them. Ezekiel was able to do that because he had internalized the Lord’s message to His people. That is what the eating of the scroll symbolized—a complete understanding of God’s Word as it was “digested” by Ezekiel in prayerful meditation.

You and I are called to make a meal of God’s Word as well. **Not in a literal sense, of course; there is no need for us to pour salt or gravy on our Bible to make it more appetizing. Like Ezekiel’s vision, our consumption of God’s word is symbolic. As we read our Bibles, as we study God’s word, as we meditate on His wisdom, we internalize the message so that we will be able to tell others what God has to say about following Him.**

Becoming familiar with the Bible in this way has several benefits. First of all, we will equip ourselves as Ezekiel did to speak God’s words to those around us. Second, as we become more familiar with the Bible we will discover the ways in which our current choices honor or perhaps dishonor God. Finally, as we partake of the word of God we will learn what His “voice” sounds like, and will be able to follow His lead as we go about our daily lives.

All of these things can happen as you and I chew on Scripture a little bit each day, enjoying the good things which come from knowing and doing the will of God as it is revealed to us through His word.



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