

Listening Guide: HOPE #3
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EZEKIEL 8 – 11, 45

The Ezekiel is a '*Discouraged Priest*' in Exile with no place to minister in the year 586 B.C. & Encounters Hope in the Person of the Glory of God who appears on a Glorious Throne Chariot – transforming Him into a '*Determined Prophet*'

HOPE = "*The appearance of the Lord's Glory*" 1: 28

1 John 3:3 "*And everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself just as He is pure.*"

HOPE PURIFIES - We see this evident in Ezekiel's life and ministry –

1. – Hope Purifies our _____ . – see chapter 8

Seeing what God sees Produces a Heart of Greif over sin.

Ezekiel was grieved over:

Vs. 5-6 – The Image of Jealousy

Vs. 7 – 13 – Cultic Worship of Animals

Vs. 14 – 15 – Weeping for Tammuz

Vs. 16 – 18 – the Worship of the Sun

Seeing What God sees Produces a Heart of Gladness over Grace.

– see 11: 17-18; 16: 60, 62

2. – Hope Purifies our _____ . – see 11: 18 – 20; 36: 26

We Need a REMOVAL of *a Heart of Stone*

We Need to RECEIVE a *New Heart of flesh*.

- Possible through the new birth – [John 3: 1 8](#)
- This is called ‘regeneration’ by God’s mercy – [Titus 3: 5](#)

A New Heart provides the Opportunity for a New Start.

3. – Hope Purifies our _____.

The Departure of God’s Glory resulted in Sadness – see [10: 3 – 5](#); [10: 18-19](#); [11: 22- 25](#)

The Appearing of God’s Glory resulted in Joyful Anticipation.

– see [43: 1 -5](#); [Zechariah 14: 3 – 5](#)

HOPE PURIFIES our vision, hearts & future expectations.

What areas of your life do you desire HOPE to purify?

WORKING THE WORD Challenges –

- What part of today’s message spoke to you? What do you sense are some next steps to take? Discuss with a partner or group.
- Commit to memory **1 John 3:3** – “*And everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself just as he is pure.*” Reflect on the Hope you have in Jesus and celebrate your identity as one He loves.
- Share with a partner or group *your experience the Spirit removing your heart of stone and giving you a heart of flesh*. Celebrate the new birth you have experienced. Read and Reflect on [John 3: 1 – 8](#).
- Continue reading daily one chapter of the Book of Ezekiel with your church family. This week we are reading [chapters 22 – 29](#). Join us on the YouVersion app to share and reflect. - <https://bit.ly/EzekielHOPE>