

Our Eternal Lord

Key idea:

Ezekiel was a priest who spoke God's Word to God's people who were exiles in Babylon, and he told of the Messiah as an eternal Lord Who will rule His people, bless His people and dwell with His people forever.

Ezekiel 37:24-28 (ESV)

37:24 "My servant David shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd. They shall walk in my rules and be careful to obey my statutes. ²⁵ They shall dwell in the land that I gave to my servant Jacob, where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children's children shall dwell there forever, and David my servant shall be their prince forever. ²⁶ I will make a covenant of peace with them. It shall be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will set them in their land and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in their midst forevermore. ²⁷ My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ²⁸ Then the nations will know that I am the LORD who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary is in their midst forevermore."

Key points:

- 1. Ezekiel was a priest who was called to speak God's Word to exiles.
- 2. Ezekiel saw the coming Messiah as an eternal King and Shepherd.
- 3. The Lord makes a covenant of peace with His people.
- 4. The Lord will set up His sanctuary in the midst of His people, and His sanctuary entails His presence.
- 5. God's people will have victory over sin forever.
- All nations will know that Jesus is Lord who blesses His people.

Questions for discussion/application:

- 1. What part of Sunday's text and teaching stood out most to me? Why?
- 2. How does the text relate to the First Advent of Christ? To the Second Advent of Christ?
- 3. How might I explain the relationship of Christ as our eternal Lord to the Advent Themes of Hope? Of Peace? Of Love? Of Joy?
- 4. What can I learn about the nature of God through the teaching?
- 5. In what ways can I see myself as a modern-day Ezekiel?
- 6. Why is this blessing for Christians only?
- 7. Are there other believers with whom you can share what you have learned this week? Pray for them and ask God to open a door for you to share His Word.