

Refining Fire: Ezekiel 22
Week 9 in *Visions of God* Series
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*"The LORD is compassionate and merciful,
slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love." - Ps. 103:8*

When we _____ God's guidelines, we _____ Him.
(vv. 16 & 26)

Two ways to honor God and avoid His _____: (vv. 30 & 31)

- Honoring God with a _____ in your week (vv. 8 & 26)

- Honoring God by _____ (vv. 7, 25, 29)

Be someone who will "stand in the gap" for what is right. (v. 30)

Remember!

To allow God to change our hearts, we want to connect with Him. *The Daily Connections (Good Morning God, Spiritual Boost, Good Night Review)* open up our lives to allow God to change us from the inside out.

Good Morning God is to be done when we first wake up in bed at the beginning of every day. Your *Spiritual Boost* connects you with God's words in the Bible during the day sometime when you have 10 minutes of quiet. Finally, you finish your day with *Good Night Review*, and you allow God's joy and forgiveness to come to you as you drift to sleep.

These three spiritual exercises take only 20 minutes each day, and they have been part of following Jesus for many of Jesus' followers over the last 2000 years. Try it yourself and see how your relationship with God deepens and how you are fundamentally changed by spending time with God!

Spiritual Boost Bible Readings

Day 1: Ezekiel 22:12

- * How often do you think about God and His commands? How can that increase?

Day 2: Ezekiel 22:13-16

- * Is there something I need God to clean and purge in me? Ask Him to show you.

Day 3: Ezekiel 22:17-22

- * How can the heat of God's anger actually be good for me?

Day 4: Ezekiel 22:23-29

- * Look for ways to take action: If ignoring Sabbath days dishonors God, how can I add more Sabbath rest and Sabbath enjoyment into my life? Ask God to bring you ideas to try. Also, if I can dishonor God in how I treat vulnerable people, what is one way I can help someone become less vulnerable?

Day 5: Ezekiel 22:30-31

- * God gives us a picture of righteousness being a wall that protects His people. Take a moment to imagine that. If God looks for someone to

honor Him and “stand in the gap” to avoid His anger, how can I be someone who helps others honor God? Who can I compassionately help in this way?