

# A VISION OF JUDGEMENT AND MERCY

Ezekiel 10:1-19; 11:22-25

- Judgement flows from God's glory

(Ezekiel 10:1-8)

- The glory of God shows His authority to judge

(Ezekiel 10:9-17)

- Even in judgement, God shows mercy

(Ezekiel 10:18-19; 11:22-25)

# FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Can you name some other things that are both glorious or beautiful, yet terrifying and severe?
2. Read 2 Kings 24:8-17 and Jeremiah 22:24-30. Where do you think God's people's hope would have been at this point? What was the response of the people of God when judgement fell upon them? What should be our first response when we know judgement is upon us?
3. What does God's judgement, in Ezekiel's vision, make you think? Is it too harsh? What is your initial reaction? Read Ezekiel 9:9-10; 10:2.
4. Read Ezekiel 10:9-17. What strikes you in this passage? Is it the description of the chariot-throne? Is it the fact that the four living creatures have four heads? Is it the "eyes all around" the chariot-throne? What does this say about God?
5. When God's glory leaves the temple, what does this say about Him? Does God compromise with sin or uncleanness? Can you think of any other times in Scripture where God shows His "otherness" and "separateness?"
6. Think about times in Scripture where judgement and mercy are both present. Try to begin at the Garden of Eden. How do we see God's judgement and mercy happen there? Read Genesis 3.
7. How does it make you feel that the Spirit of Glory is in us? Consider our failures and missteps in our walk. How powerful does this make Christ's work on the cross? Read Hebrews 1:1-3 and Romans 8:1-11.



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