

SHIFTING WINDS

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I. Ez 37:1

A. V3 - What is the question? Can these bones live?

1. Is it ever too **DIFFICULT**, is it ever **IMPOSSIBLE**, is it ever too **HARD** for **God**?

a) Gen 18:13-14 - 13 And the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I surely bear a child, since I am old?' 14 **Is anything too hard for the LORD?**

b) Jer 32:17 17 Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have **made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm.** There is nothing too hard for You.

2. It is one thing to know What He **CAN** do vs. What He **WILL** do?

a) Matt 8:2-3 2 And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." 3 Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

3. **What is the response to the question?** Can these bones live? Can it be done?

a) **He (God) Knows but Can “we” know His will?**

(1) Eph 5:17 17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

(a) **It is “unwise” to NOT understand what the will of the LORD is.**

(b) **Understand** - *suniami* - From two words that means to “to bring or put together”. To use one’s capacity for understanding and arrive at an insight.

B. V4-6 - God explains His will to Ezekiel

1. Prophecy - *naba'* - Speak or sing by inspiration of God

a) **First step - WHERE** - DIRECTION to speak-

(1) "Prophecy To these bones and say to them" - Speak to your situation

(2) "TO" your situation instead of "ABOUT" your situation.

b) **Second step - WHAT** - "What we speak"

(1) V4 - "Hear the Word of the LORD!" - We have to speak "His Words"

(2) His Word:

(a) Reveals His will

(b) Releases His power

(3) Reveals His will - V5 Will Explained to Ezekiel

(a) The only way we can understand what the will of the LORD is for a situation is to know what He says about it.

(b) 1 John 5:14-15 14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

(4) Releases His power-

(a) Isa 46:11 11 Calling a bird of prey from the east, The man who executes My counsel, from a far country. Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it.

(b) **Isa 55:11** 11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

(c) **Jer 1:12** 12 Then said the Lord to me, You have seen well, for I am alert and active, watching over My word to perform it. AMP

(d) **Heb 1:3** 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power,

(5) **V4-5** - Do we know what He knows? Are we releasing His power by speaking what He is speaking?

(a) **2 Cor 4:13** 13 And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak,

(b) **Mark 11:22-24** 22 So Jesus answered and said to them, "**Have faith in God**. 23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says **to this mountain**, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. 24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

c) **3rd Step in the Process - HOW - How we Speak!**

(1) **V7** - "So I prophesied as I was commanded"

(2) **How** - Our responsibility — "Response"-ability to His will

(3) Say **What** He says, **Where** He says to say it, **How** He says to say it.

(a) **Acts 4:19-20** 19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than

to God, you judge. 20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

(4) His WORD, His POWER, our Partnership

(a) **V5-V7** - "I WILL cause breath to enter, I will put sinew on you, etc."

i) **Mark 10:27** 27 But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not **with God**; for **with God** all things are possible."

ii) **With** - *para* — a position near, beside or alongside.

(1) Used to say that two or more people or things are together in one place and/or doing something together.