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Ezekiel 14:20

“Though Noah, Daniel and Job were in it, as I live,” says the Lord God, “they shall deliver neither son or daughter, they shall deliver only their own soul by their righteousness.” Ezekiel 14:20

Trying to impress God by your own righteousness or righteous acts or deeds? Good luck! It won't happen – period!

Throughout the Old Testament we see great men living out their covenant before God – often far exceeding how Christians today live their lives. Such honourable men here are named and others are absent from specific mention, but may be worthy to note as well for our purposes today – Joseph or Abraham, David or Moses to name only a few more.

The question then is this, “How is it that I can possibly stand before the Lord's judgment if these men can barely escape?” “And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?” (1 Peter 4:18).

It is all too easy to do, but we must never forget our new covenant in Jesus Christ! We don't stand alone! Our sin has been judged in Jesus. When He went to the cross in our stead we may now stand clothed in His righteousness and are free to approach the Father's throne with complete and utter confidence! “So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive His mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it.” (Hebrews 4:16 NLT)

“For He has made Him, Who knew no sin, to be sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.” (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Saints from every dispensation may serve as worthy examples of godly and faithful living, but we must always measure our lives by the One – Christ Jesus, Who in us is our only hope of glory! (Colossians 1:27)

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