

Sunday, July 28, 2019

Title: A New Heart

Series: The Miracle Of The New Birth

Text: Ezekiel 36:26-27

Introduction:

> Psalm 139:13 & 14 - *"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."*

> Death enters into the human experience.

Cf. Genesis

> All of humanity needs the miracle of being born again.

Cf. John 3

Heart - Character Of The Old Heart:

1.1) Heart of stone (Ezekiel 36:26):

stone: H. 68, 'eben: stone, common stone

> Weather Forecasting Stone (thermometer)

> Mark 4 - the pathway

1.2) Heart is sick:

Jeremiah 17:9 - 10; *"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?"*

"I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give to every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."

Heart - Character Of The New Heart:

2.1) Heart of flesh (Ezekiel 36:26):

flesh: H 1319, basra, flesh

Micah 6:8; *"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"*

2.2) Heart of love:

Matthew 22: 37 - 38; *"And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"*

Salvation brings an individual into a passionate love relationship with Jesus Christ, to the extent of being called His bride
(2 Corinthians 11:2).

Heart - Needs To Be Guarded:

3.1) Counsel from Proverbs 4:20 - 27;

> vs. 20 - *"be attentive...incline your ear to my sayings"*

> vs. 21 - *"let them not escape...keep them within your heart."*

> vs. 23 - *"Keep your heart with all vigilance..."*

> vs. 24 - *"Put away from you..."*

> vs. 25 - *"Let your eyes look directly forwards..."*

> vs. 26 - *"Ponder the path of your feet..."*

> vs. 27 - *"Do not swerve..."*

Notice the promise in verse 22!

3.2) Exhortation from Revelation 2:1 - 7;

> vs. 4 - *"But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first."*