

Speaker: Pastor Bob Erbig
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Text: Ezekiel 20:1-44
Sermon Title: "For the Sake of My Name"

Introduction: The Power of a Name

Key Question: *What happens when we represent God's name poorly?*
Big Idea: *God acts for the sake of his name—so rescued rebels are called to represent it well.*

Movement One: Unanswered Questions (Ezekiel 20:1–4, 30–32)

- **God will not be inquired of:** idols come first (20:1–3, 31)
- **"Let us be like the nations":** the pull to assimilate (20:32)

Movement Two: A Repeated Storyline (Ezekiel 20:5–29)

- **Rebel, consequence, mercy:** three cycles in the wilderness (20:8–22)
- **"For the sake of my name":** mercy tied to his name (20:9, 14, 22)

Movement Three: The Mighty Hand of God (Ezekiel 20:33–44)

- **"I will be king over you":** a new exodus by a mighty hand (20:33–38)
- **Restored, so we know the Lord:** God acts for his name (20:39–44)

Conclusion: Represent His Name Well

Application Question 1: *Where are you tempted to be "like the nations" instead of standing on God's Word?*
Application Question 2: *Where do you need to repent of representing God's name poorly?*
Application Question 3: *How will you represent Christ in our community this year?*