

An Exercise To Discern Both Good and Evil (Hebrews 5:14)

A Visitor From Houston

Scenario:

You arrive at the building here for a normal Sunday of study and worship. When you arrive you learn that we are expecting a visitor. Just as you learn this, a man walks in and identifies himself as a member of the Bering Drive church of Christ in Houston, TX. In his hand is a Bible. The spine of that Bible reveals that it is the English Standard Version (ESV). He sits amongst us and our class begins as normal. We are studying the book of Ezekiel. In particular, we are in chapter thirty-three. About 10 minutes into the class, he begins to speak.

Statement That Arises From Our Scenario:

A question: "The book of Ezekiel seems to be very negative to me. Why are you all studying this?"

A Later Statement Is Made:

(Context, we are discussing Ezekiel 33:12): "I don't agree with what Ezekiel is saying here. It is the Old Testament. Jesus is much more loving to us in the church today than Ezekiel was towards his brethren who seem confused to me."

For Discussion:

What do you see in those statements?