

One of the most fascinating miracles that God has allowed man to witness is found in Ezekiel 37. This is where the prophet Ezekiel is taken to a valley filled with bones, and God brings them to life layer by layer to create an army. It is interesting to imagine the fear and awe that must have filled the heart of Ezekiel as he watched this demonstration of God's life giving power over very dead material. It was like God producing a music video of great proportions!

God promises us many things if we follow him, and it is easy to see that a God who can perform a miracle like this can make those promises good. We need to believe with all of our heart the tremendous power of God, and that he works in our lives if it is His will. Ezekiel should not have been very surprised at the nature of this miracle, for people had been raised from the dead before, as is recorded in the Old Testament. Indeed, the nation of Israel itself drew its existence from the revival of the reproductive faculties of Abraham and Sarah who were considered much too old to have children. When Sarah hears that she will bear a son, she laughs in her amazement and disbelief. But then God answers in Gen. 18:14, 'Is anything too hard for the Lord?' This is a wonderful scripture and a foundation for our faith in Almighty God. When the son of promise comes, Isaac, Abraham fully believes in God's life-giving power, even to the extent of sacrificing his beloved son. He knows that God can restore him back to life.

The problem facing Ezekiel and his people when the Lord gave life to the dry bones was a great catastrophe to the nation of Israel. They were in the midst of losing their identity at the hands of conquering nations. The dream of the promised land and God's chosen people was quickly fading away, leaving most with no hope and many doubts about the power of God. But God shows Ezekiel that no matter how dead his chosen people appear to be, he is still capable of bringing them to life and to power. This is what he has done, creating a new nation, the church, which has indeed shown the power of God throughout the world.

The tremendous lesson presented here is that no matter how dark it gets, no matter how lifeless our life is, God can enlighten and revive it. No matter how great our problem, we should seek the Lord, for there is nothing at all that is too hard for him. Christ said in Jn 10:10 that he came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly. And his promise here is true. He can give us the best life that can possibly be, if we will trust and obey him from the depths of our heart.