

Social Justice Biblically Assessed
Week 8: Jim Crow and the Soul Who Sins Shall Die, Ezekiel 18
Holy Trinity Sunday School, Fall 2021

Ezekiel 18:1-4 *The word of the LORD came to me: (2) "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? (3) As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. (4) Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.*

I. Three Observations:

II. Three Controlling Principles:

III. David M. Oshinsky, *"Worse than Slavery" Parchman Farm and the Ordeal of Jim Crow Justice*

A. Post Civil War

B. Reconstruction:

C. Convict leasing:

a. Florida

b. Alabama

IV. Conclusions:

Ezekiel 18:29-32 (29) Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? (30) "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. (31) Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? (32) For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."