



The King Who Changed a Nation: The Life of Josiah 2 Kings 22-23; 2 Chronicles 34-35

I. A Great Revival Always Begins with a Heart that Seeks God (2 Chron. 34:1-8)

- A. A heart that seeks God is not determined by your _____
(vv. 1-2) (Ezek. 18:20; Josh. 24:15; Dan. 1:8; Phil. 2:15)
- B. A heart that seeks God before it _____ God (v. 3a)
(Matt. 6:33; Jer. 29:13; Jms. 4:8)
- C. A heart that seeks God cannot _____ idols (vv. 3b-7)
(1 Kgs. 13:2; Ex. 20:3; Col. 3:5; 1 Jn. 5:21)
- D. A heart that seeks God _____ others (v. 8)
(Matt. 5:16; 1 Tim. 4:12; Phil. 2:15-16)

II. True Revival is Produced by the Authority of God's Word (2 Kgs. 22:8-20)

- A. God's Word must be _____ (vv. 8-10)
(Deut. 17:18-20; Ps. 119:105; Col. 3:16)
- B. God's Word must _____ us (vv. 11-13)
(Heb. 4:12; Jms. 1:22-25; Rom. 3:20; Ps. 139:23-24)
- C. God's Word must produce _____ (vv. 18-20)
(Isa. 66:2; Ps. 51:17; Jms. 4:6; 2 Chron. 7:14)

III. Genuine Revival Is Proven by Radical Obedience (2 Kgs. 23:1-30)

- A. Revival _____ our commitment to God's Word (vv. 1-3)
(Josh. 24:15; Jas. 1:22)
- B. Revival _____ every rival to God (vv. 4-20)
(Matt. 6:24; 1 John 5:21)
- C. Revival _____ joyful worship (vv. 21-30)
(Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 5:7)

IV. Every Great King Points to the Greater King (2 Kgs. 23:25-30)

- A. Josiah _____ the greatest king Judah ever had (v. 25)
(Deut. 6:5; Matt. 22:37)
- B. But even the greatest king could not _____ his people (vv. 26-30)
(Jer. 17:9; Ezek. 36:26)
- C. Jesus is the _____ Josiah (Lk. 24:27; Heb. 8:6)

TAKE HOME:

- Am I truly _____ God, or am I merely going through the motions of religion?
- Is there an _____ in my life that I have been managing instead of destroying?
- Have I merely admired Jesus as a great King, or have I _____ to Him as my Lord and Savior?

• Application Questions

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message in your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others.

1. Am I seeking God daily with my whole heart, or only when life gets hard? (Mt 6:33; Jer. 29:13; Jas. 4:8)
2. What idol am I tolerating or “managing” that I need to remove so God is truly first? (Ex. 20:3; Col. 3:5; 1 Jn. 5:21)
3. When I read Scripture, do I let it convict me and lead me to repentance, or do I explain it away? (Heb. 4:12; Jas. 1:22–25; Rom. 3:20)
4. When was the last time God’s Word produced real humility in me—grief over sin, not just regret over consequences? (Isa. 66:2; Ps. 51:17; Jas. 4:6)
5. Is my Christianity mainly emotion and inspiration, or is it showing up in concrete obedience this week? (Jas. 1:22; Josh. 24:15; Jn. 14:15)
6. What compromises are keeping me from wholehearted devotion—what “rivals” to God’s rule do I need to burn, remove, and replace with obedience? (Mt. 6:24; 1 Jn. 5:21; Rom. 12:1)
7. After repentance, do I return to joyful worship—remembering God’s redemption—or do I stay stuck in guilt and spiritual dryness? (1 Cor. 5:7; Lk. 22:19–20; Ps. 51:12)
8. Have I merely admired Jesus as a great King, or have I truly bowed to Him as Lord—trusting Him for a new heart? (Ezek. 36:26; Rom. 10:9; 2 Cor. 5:17)

“The world has yet to see what God will do with and for and through and in a man, who is fully and wholly consecrated to Him.”

- D.L. Moody,