

# Old Testament Lessons

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## A Lost Book

(II Ch 34:14-15)

### INTRODUCTION

1. Good Evening
  - a. Greeting...
2. Series of lessons on the "Old Testament"
  - a. Red Sea, Daniel in the Lions' Den...
3. Tonight we are going to look back to an account we can learn a great deal from, the account of "A Lost Book."
  - a. In **I Ki 13:1-2** a prophecy is made concerning a king, Josiah, who would take the throne.
    - i. 300 years later it comes true.
      1. **II Ch 34:3-5**
  - b. Israel had lived under sinful kings for 57 years and during this time they had "lost the Word of God."
  - c. However under Josiah's reign the book is found the law read and practiced.

### I. Lessons To Be Learned

- A. The Word of Lord can be lost
  1. The Bible is the most printed book each and every year.
  2. The Bible is the most bought book each and every year.
  3. Yet the Bible is the most neglected book by people each and every year.
    - i. Question: How does the Bible get lost?
- B. It gets lost through neglect
  1. Does you Bible have dust on it?
    - i. Illustration: Bible study in Waco, man dusting off Bible to study with us.
  2. Our Bibles should be worn out not neglected.
    - i. **II Ti 2:15** "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (KJV)
    - ii. **II Pt 1:10** "Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble"
    - iii. **II Ti 4:13** "Bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas when you come—and the books, especially the parchments."
    - iv. **He 5:12** "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food."
  3. We know about so many things like cars, fishing, history...yet the Word of God we show so much ignorance.
- C. It gets lost through traditions of men
  1. We have always do it this way...
    - i. **Mt 15:6** "then he need not honor his father or mother.' Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition."
  2. This work or that work is ignored because of tradition rather than scripture.

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- D. It gets lost by misplaced trust
  - 1. My preacher/teacher/pastor said such and such...
    - i. **I Jn 4:1** "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world."
    - ii. **I Ti 4:1-2** "Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron"
  - 2. The Bible is thrown out because of the overzealous trust in a person rather than God.

## II. We Need To Always Have The Book Found

- A. It will make our lives stable
  - 1. **Lk 1:78-79** "Through the tender mercy of our God, With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; 79 To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace."
- B. It will show us the way to heaven
  - 1. **Ps 119:105** "Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path."

## CONCLUSION

- 1. Invitation<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> This sermon was influenced by Brother Higginbotham's sermon "A Lost Book"