

The Challenge To Know God:

Josiah and the Lost Scroll

(2 Chronicles 34:1-33)

- Introduction:
1. (Romans 15:4).
 2. While the Old Testament is not our law, it was written for us.
 3. There are several lessons we can learn from a young king by the name of Josiah.

I. Background To Josiah

- A. Background to the division of Israel.
- A. (1 Kings 13:1-2) Prophecy of one who would bring reform.
- B. 300 years later, Josiah comes to power at the age of 8.
- C. By the age of 16, he began to bring reform and fulfill the prophecies (2 Chronicles 34:3-5).
- D. Josiah began to rebuild and restore the temple that had been neglected.
- E. During this time, Hilkiah, a priest, found the book of the law in the house of the Lord (2 Chronicles 34:14).
- F. Josiah was then enlightened, repented, and began to reinstate the religion that had been neglected for over 57 years (55- Manasseh; 2 - Amon).

II. Lessons Learned From Josiah & The Lost Scroll

- A. What We Know About God comes through revelation.
 1. How many times have you heard someone say, "I just feel God wouldn't..." or "I don't think God would get mad if I..."
 2. (Proverbs 14:12).
 3. (1 Corinthians 2).
 4. (Romans 1:)
 4. God is not like man. We cannot create him in our image.
- B. Ignorance of God is no excuse.
 1. (2 Chronicles 34:21).
 2. (2 Thessalonians 1:7-8)
 3. If ignorance was an excuse, then why would we not be better served to lose the book of the law again?
 4. If ignorance was an excuse, why allow Jesus to die on the cross?
- C. How does one lose the book of the law?
 1. Neglect (Hebrews 5:12;).
 2. Possibly hidden by priests.
- D. Notice where the book of the law was found.
 1. In the house of the Lord.
 2. Can the book of the law be lost in the house of the Lord today?
 3. Ills. Squeak in the pulpit.
 4. Which is worse, losing or not using the book of the law?
 5. (Luke 12:42-47).
- E. We must do according to all that is written.
 1. (2 Chronicles 34:21).
 2. (1 Samuel 15:22).
 3. (2 Samuel 6:1-19).
 - a. Commanded not to touch (Numbers 4:15).
 - b. To be carried (Numbers 4:15).
 - c. To be carried by the sons of Kohath (Numbers 4:15; 1 Chronicles 6).
 4. (Genesis 6:22).
 5. (Matthew 7:21; Hebrews 5:8-9).

6. No "Supermarket" religion.
- F. God honors a humble heart.
1. (2 Chronicles 34:).
 2. God was patient and forgiving with Josiah.
 3. (1 John 1:9).
 4. How we respond to our mistakes makes all the difference in the world.
 5. (Leviticus 10; 6:26) - Anger toward Nadab and Abihu, patience with Aaron.