

Good News: Manasseh Was Forgiven

(2 Chronicles 33:1-20)

- Introduction:
1. Each Lord's Day, we gather together, looking like we have our act all together, but none of us would want our sins revealed, showing how sinful we have been, and maybe still are.
 2. Because of our struggle with sin, we sometimes feel as if God will not save us.
 3. We have record that has been preserved for us so that we can have confidence.

I. Background

- A. Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh (2 Chronicles 32:33).
- B. Hezekiah was a good king (2 Chronicles 29:1-2).
- C. Hezekiah was given an extra 15 years to live (2 Kings 20:1-11).
- D. Manasseh was born to Hezekiah during this extra time (2 Chronicles 32:33-33:1).
- E. Manasseh rebelled against everything he was taught (2 Chronicles 33:1-9).
- F. Finally, Manasseh repented (2 Chronicles 33:10-20).

II. Lessons to Learn

- A. Good people can have rebellious children.
 1. (2 Chronicles 33:1-9).
 2. Manasseh's sin seems to have been a contemptuous rebellion.
 - a. 33:2 – Did evil in the sight of the Lord – worse than the nations.
 - b. 33:3 – Rebuilt the high places.
 - c. 33:4 – Built altars in the house of the Lord.
 - d. 33:6 – Caused his sons to pass through the fire.
 - e. 33:6 – Witchcraft, sorcery, mediums.
- B. God's grace can reach the worst of sinners.
 1. "His Grace Reaches Me."
 2. (John 1:16).
 3. (Ephesians 2:4-5).
- C. Although forgiven, we may not be able to undo our influence.
 1. (2 Chronicles 33:9) Seduced the people.
 2. (2 Chronicles 33:16-17).
 3. (Romans 14:7).

- Conclusion:
1. I hope this lesson has been an encouragement to you.
 2. But I want to remind you that for every Manasseh, there are hundreds of rich fools (Luke 12:16-21).
 3. (2 Corinthians 6:1-2).