

“The Little Things...”
2 Chronicles 34:1-33

I. King Josiah was a king who pleased the Lord (vs. 1-3).

Josiah did right in the sight of the Lord (reigned 640-609 B.C.).

(2 Chronicles 35:25)

II. King Josiah made reforms in an attempt to turn his country back toward God (vs. 4-13).

- A. Josiah focused on reform in Judah and Jerusalem.
- B. Josiah restored the Temple.

(2 Kings 23:4-7)

III. King Josiah is confronted by the lost book of Moses (vs. 14-19).

It is the book of Deuteronomy.

(Deuteronomy 11:26, 28-29; 18:9-22; 27:1, 13, 15-26; 28:15-20, 45; 29:19-21, 27; 30:1, 7, 19; 31:26; 2 Kings 23:4-7; 2 Chronicles 34:24)

IV. King Josiah responds to his conviction by seeking a word from the Lord (vs. 20-30).

- A. Huldah gives a word for the people.
- B. Huldah gives a word for Josiah.

(2 Kings 23:26)

V. King Josiah responds to God's words (vs. 31-33).

(2 Kings 23:4-7)

Even in the face of certain failure, the child of God has the choice to do what is right.

1. We must be people who seek God.
2. We must allow our faith to be put into practice.
3. We must continue even when we believe failure is inevitable.

Scripture References and Notes

Background of 2 Chronicles 34

Hezekiah (727-698 B.C.)

Hezekiah became king when he was twenty-five years old; and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem.
(2 Chron. 29:1).

Isaiah 39:5-8

⁵ Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, “Hear the word of the LORD of hosts, ⁶ ‘Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house and all that your fathers have laid up in store to this day will be carried to Babylon; nothing will be left,’ says the LORD. ⁷ ‘And some of your sons who will issue from you, whom you will beget, will be taken away, and they will become officials in the palace of the king of Babylon.’” ⁸ Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “The word of the LORD which you have spoken is good.” For he thought, “For there will be peace and truth in my days.”

Manasseh (697-642 B.C.))

Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem (2 Chron. 33:1).

2 Kings 24:3-4

³ Surely at the command of the LORD it came upon Judah, to remove them from His sight because of the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he had done, ⁴ and also for the innocent blood which he shed, for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; and the LORD would not forgive.

Amon (642-640 B.C.))

Amon was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem (2 Chron. 33:22).

2 Chronicles 33:21-25

2 Chronicles 35:25

Then Jeremiah chanted a lament for Josiah. And all the male and female singers speak about Josiah in their lamentations to this day. And they made them an ordinance in Israel; behold, they are also written in the Lamentations.

2 Kings 23:4-7

⁴ Then the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest and the priests of the second order and the doorkeepers, to bring out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, for Asherah, and for all the host of heaven; and he burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron, and carried their ashes to Bethel. ⁵ He did away with the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had appointed to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah and in the surrounding area of Jerusalem, also those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun and to the moon and to the constellations and to all the host of heaven. ⁶ He brought out the Asherah from the house of the LORD outside Jerusalem to the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and ground it to dust, and threw its dust on the graves of the common people. ⁷ He also broke down the houses of the *male* cult prostitutes which *were* in the house of the LORD, where the women were weaving hangings for the Asherah.

“spiritists”

Compare 2 Kings 23:24 to Deuteronomy 18:9-22

“curse”

Compare 2 Chronicles 34:24 to Deuteronomy 11:26, 28-29; 27:1, 13, 15-26; 28:15-20, 45; 29:19-21, 27; 30:1, 7, 19

Deuteronomy 31:26

“Take this book of the law and place it beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may remain there as a witness against you.

2 Kings 23:26

However, the LORD did not turn from the fierceness of His great wrath with which His anger burned against Judah, because of all the provocations with which Manasseh had provoked Him.

2 Kings 23:25

Before him there was no king like him who turned to the LORD with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; nor did any like him arise after him.

James 4:17

Therefore, to one who knows *the* right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.