

Thru the Bible Series

Date: Thursday, September 26

Reading: 2 Kings 23:1-30 King Josiah

Side Note: The capitol of the Northern Kingdom, Samaria fell to the Assyrian Empire in 722BC. The Last King of Israel was Hoshea. He was taken prisoner for trying to make an alliance with Egypt to overthrow the Assyrian king's financial reign over Israel. Assyria found out, imprisoned Hoshea, destroyed the capitol and exiled all the inhabitants of the Northern Kingdom. King Josiah is the first of the last five Kings of Judah. He reigned for 31 years, and is the last king with his name in the "good" column.

Review Questions:

1. What did Josiah read to everyone & why? (v.2)
2. What did Josiah pledge & why? (v.3)
3. What did the people pledge? Were they forced to make such a pledge or had they been encouraged by a godly man?
4. How does Matthew 5:16 relate to such a phenomenon?
5. Can you relate? Did you change because you witnessed a change in someone who started following Jesus? Has someone you know changed because they noticed that you follow Jesus?
6. What did Josiah remove from the temple of the Lord? (v.6)
7. Can you relate? Is God speaking to you about any extra things you are trusting in your heart in tandem or in place of God? What are you going to do about it?
8. What did King Josiah begin again that had not been done since the time of the judges? (v.21-22)

9. Can you relate? Are there idols to put away or celebrations to revive in your own heart and life? How will this affect you? How will this affect those around you? (Remember, there will be 4 more kings after Josiah with their names in the "bad" column)

Explore: 2 Kings 23:3 *He pledged to obey the Lord by keeping all his commands, laws, and decrees with all his heart and soul.*

Express:

1. We decide whom we will _____. (Joshua 24:15)
2. We can love God with all of our _____, _____ & _____ (Luke 10:27)
3. Pursuing holiness is a blessing to other _____ too. (Matthew 5:16)

By demolishing the cultural false worship, people were able to turn their attention and affection to God!

Engage: Make a personal prayer about "idols" you need God to help you get rid of and for God to help you to worship Him with all of your heart, mind, soul & strength.

Notes:

Homework for next week:

For the month of October, we will be following Rob's series, "God is Working in You." Please read John 6:22-27.