



King Josiah: Living By The Book

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Text: II Kings 21-22 & II Chronicles 33-34

Introduction: How much do you know about the Bible? If you were on a game show, would you win or lose? Christians don't know the Bible because they don't study the Bible. (Take the BIBLE QUIZ) Consider the following things we can learn from King Josiah. . . .

Discussion:

I. The Story of Revival Under King Josiah

- A. When did this happen? (**II Chronicles 34:1-2**).
- B. Why was this necessary? (**II Kings 21**)
- C. What difference can a small boy make? (**II Chronicles 34:1-2**)
- D. What are the reforms of Josiah? (**II Chronicles 34:3-13**)
- E. What did Josiah discover? (**II Chronicles 34:14-33**)
- F. What one thing did Josiah believe could save His people? (**John 8:32, Hosea 4:6**).

II. The Need For Revival Today

- A. What is the meaning of this word revive?
- B. How do we know that the church needs revival?
- C. Is revival a common theme in the Old Testament?
- D. Is revival a common event in the New Testament?
- E. Should revival be a common plea for the New Testament church?

III. The Signs That A Church Needs Revival

- A. List from Prentiss Meador:
 1. *Lack of Interest in Religion*
Ephesians 5:14, I Thessalonians 5:6-8, Romans 12:1-2, James 1:27
 2. *Discouragement*
Romans 9:2-4, Colossians 3:21
 3. *Church Work is Dying*
Habakkuk 3:2, Ephesians 4:11-16, Matthew 5:16, I Corinthians 15:58, Titus 3:1
 4. *Lukewarm Christians*
Revelation 3:14-19, Jeremiah 23:29, II Timothy 4:2, Matthew 24:12-13
 5. *Problems of Indifference*
Matthew 6:33, Matthew 7:7

B. List from Gus Nichols:

1. *If You Are Spiritually Depressed . . . You Need A Revival!!!*
III John 2, I Thessalonians 5:14, I Timothy 5:20, II Timothy 4:2-3
2. *If You Are An Unforgiving Person . . . You Need A Revival!!!*
Matthew 18:21-22, Mark 11:25, Ephesians 4:32, I Peter 3:8
3. *If Your Conscience is Becoming Seared Like a Hot Iron, You Need A Revival!*
Isaiah 66:2, Psalm 51:17, I Timothy 4:1-3
4. *If You Are Persecuting Members of the Church. . . You Need A Revival!!!*
I Corinthians 1:10, Philippians 2:1-4
5. *If You Are Being Divisive. . . You Need A Revival!!!*
Judges 5:23, Proverbs 6:16-19, I Corinthians 1:10, Titus 3:10-11
6. *If You Don't Love the Brethren and the Brotherhood. . . You Need A Revival!!*
John 13:34-35, Hebrews 13:1, I Peter 2:17, I John 3:14
7. *If You Are Being Conformed to the World. . . You Need A Revival!!!*
Romans 12:1-2, Colossians 3:1-2, James 4:4, I John 2:15-17
8. *If You Are Drifting Farther and Farther Away From God, You Need A Revival*
Jeremiah 3:6-25, Hosea 14:1-7, Hebrews 2:1-4, Revelation 2:4-5
9. *If You Find Pleasure in Sinful Things. . . You Need A Revival!!!*
II Timothy 3:1-5, Hebrews 11:24-27
10. *If You Are Impatient. . . You Need A Revival!!!*
Matthew 7:1-3, I Corinthians 6:18, I Thessalonians 5:14

IV. The Fruit of Josiah's Revival

- A. Are in the same condition? What was their condition?
- B. God's Word is indestructible. (**Matthew 24:35**)
- C. God's Word is immutable. (**II Timothy 3:16-17, Malachi 3:6**)
- D. God's Word is irreversible. (**Revelation 22:18-19**)

Conclusion: C.S. Lewis once said, "It is Christ Himself, not the Bible, who is the true Word of God. The Bible, read in the right spirit and with the guidance of good teachers, will bring us to Him." Remember that we are not beyond the wrath of God (**Jeremiah 14:11**). Why don't we live by the book and see what happens?