

Sermon Notes – 2 Kings 22 – Do I Need the Bible?

Read 2 Kings 22:1-7 – Josiah was a good King

We find out that the church buildings needed some repair. People had gotten to where they didn't care about the temples.

This is what makes a good community. People acted faithfully. No one took advantage. No one skimmed off the top.

Read 2 Kings 22:8-10 – They found the Bible

So what exactly did they find? They found was the story of Moses. The Exodus from Egypt. The Ten Commandments. The Journey in the Wilderness. The Promised Land.

God told them to read it. Think about it. Impress the stories on your children. And never, ever forget the story of Moses and what God did to free the people. *And they forgot.*

The Story of Moses

There were slaves in Ancient Egypt. The Egyptians didn't consider them to be human beings. They worked them to death. They were livestock to be bought and sold.

They cried out to God and begged Him for mercy. And God heard their cries. God sent Moses to lead them out of slavery and into a wonderful land, a land flowing with milk and honey. Sounds like a place you could only dream about.

First, God set them free from their misery. Second, God called them to follow Him into paradise.

They followed God, but soon they only had complaints. *They found out they were still slaves. They were free from the Egyptians, but they were still slaves to themselves. Following God wasn't exactly what they hoped it would be.*

Josiah Reads the Story of Moses

Read 2 Kings 22:11 – Josiah Tears His Robe

Josiah tears his robes not out of anger but out of shame. He realized that the people had forgotten that it was God who gave them freedom, and they had totally given up trying to follow Him.

Read 2 Kings 22:12-14 – Go ask someone who talks to God

Josiah wants to hear from someone who talks with God. Surprisingly, the person is a woman. And she wasn't connected with the church, but to the tailor. She was the wife of the son of the keeper of the wardrobe.

Anybody with a humble heart can speak with Him.

The Story of Jesus

Moses came to set people free from slavery. Jesus came to set people free from themselves. The stories are very similar.

God sent His Son Jesus Christ to set us free. Jesus releases us from being totally driven by our own selfishness.

Jesus makes us right with God and forgives our broken spirit. He gives us the promise of Paradise... ***if we follow Him.***

What does it mean to follow God?

It means to turn from the foul things we do with our lives... things that make us untrustworthy, unreliable, unsafe, ...

And it means to make our lives about giving other people opportunities – it means to make our lives a blessing to other people.

These decisions can only be made by following Jesus Christ.