

Living in Light of God's Truth
The God Who Turns No One Away
2 Chronicles 33:1-13

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I. You (or that Person You Love) May Have Done Everything You Can to Push Away from God

Manasseh gave his life over to working hard to undo everything his godly father, Hezekiah, had worked so hard to do. Chapters 29-32 detail the life of a godly man, Hezekiah, who went hard after God, but his son, Manasseh, wanted nothing to do with it.

2 Chronicles 33:3 “For he rebuilt the high places that Hezekiah his father had broken down...”

Although he reigned with his father, Hezekiah, for some 11 years, the young king rejected everything his father had done and taught him.

This evil king, Manasseh, was given the longest reign of any Hebrew king – 55 years! And he squandered most of it.

A. You (or that Person You Love) May Have Looked Everywhere But to God for Truth and Spiritual Direction

Manasseh was wicked, but he didn't stop looking for truth or dabbling in religion. He just refused to turn to the one true living God and did everything he could to find it some other way.

v. 4 – He built altars in the house of the LORD. They were just the wrong kind of altars to the wrong gods.

v. 5 – He built altars for the stars in the temple courtyard.

v. 6 – He murdered some of his own sons as human sacrifices to pagan gods.

That same verse also says that Manasseh practiced sorcery, trying to gain power from evil spirits. He practiced divination, trying to interpret the future by omens. He practiced witchcraft, trying to control others through communication with evil spirits. And he consulted mediums and spiritists, trying to consult the dead for direction and guidance.

The chapter says that Manasseh, who was raised in a godly Christian home, actually outdid the pagans around him with all of his self-destructive folly.

2 Chronicles 33:9 “Manasseh led Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem astray, to do more evil than the nations whom the LORD destroyed before the people of Israel.”

B. You (or that Person You Love) May Be Working Hard Not to Hear God's Word!

2 Chronicles 33:10 “The LORD spoke to Manasseh and to his people, but they paid no attention.”

Look at what that gets you in **Psalms 107:10-12, 17-18**.

II. It's Only a Matter of Time Before You'll Suffer the Consequences of Running from God

2 Chronicles 33:11 “Therefore the LORD brought upon them the commanders of the army of the king of Assyria, who captured Manasseh with hooks and bound him with chains of bronze and brought him to Babylon.”

Some of you may think you’re free, but Satan’s got a hook in your nose, he owns you, and your sin that you think is leading you to freedom and personal pleasure, is actually pushing you deeper and deeper into despair and bondage.

Ecclesiastes 8:11-13 “Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed speedily, the heart of the children of man is fully set to do evil. ¹² Though a sinner does evil a hundred times and prolongs his life, yet I know that it will be well with those who fear God, because they fear before Him. ¹³ But it will not be well with the wicked, neither will he prolong his days like a shadow, because he does not fear before God.”

III. You’re Never Too Far to Turn Back to God

God never rejects a humble cry! You’re never too far for God.

2 Chronicles 33:13 “He prayed to Him, and God was moved by his entreaty and heard his plea and brought him again to Jerusalem into His kingdom...”

God was moved! Just like you see in **Luke 15:20** where it says, “...while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.”

2 Chronicles 33:12 “And when he was in distress...”

God sometimes has to drive us to our conversion!

“...I examined myself with a seriously practical purpose. And there I found what appalled me; a zoo of lusts, a bedlam of ambitions, a nursery of fears, a harem of fondled hatreds... In the Trinity term of 1929 I gave in, and admitted that God was God, and knelt and prayed: perhaps, that night, the most dejected and reluctant convert in all England...”

- C.S. Lewis, *Surprised by Joy*

Vv. 12-13 give you some steps back to God, and absolutely anyone can take these same steps, just like Manasseh did, and find a God with open arms ready to receive you.

Isaiah 55:6-7 “Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.”

A. Cry Out to God

v. 12 “...he implored the LORD his God...”

v. 13 “He prayed to Him, and God was moved by his entreaty and heard his plea...”

B. Humble Yourself

v. 12 “...humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers.”

James 4:6-8 “But He gives more grace. Therefore it says, ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’ ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”

C. Look at the “Fruits” of His Repentance!

2 Chronicles 33:13 “...Then Manasseh knew that the LORD was God.”

2 Chronicles 33:15 “And he took away the foreign gods and the idol from the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built...”

2 Chronicles 33:16 “He also restored the altar of the LORD...”

There are no “Lost Causes,” just people who will not humble themselves and turn to God.

But when you do humble yourself and turn to God, you’ll discover what the Psalmist said in **Psalms 86**.

Psalms 86:5 “For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.”

No matter how far you’ve run from God, you’re never outside of His reach.

Hebrews 7:25 “...He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him...”