

MEDITATIONS ON MANASSEH
A Wicked King Who Found Repentance

- Text: 2 Kings 21:1-18, 2 Chron. 33:10-20

- King Manasseh:

- An evil king far worse than his grandfather _____.
- The longest-ruling king of Judah (_____ years).
- A king whose wickedness lasted a long time and did tremendous damage.
- A king who found repentance near the end of his life.

I. HIS GREAT _____S _____ (2 KINGS 21:1-9, 16)

- _____ (vs. 3)—he “worshipped all the hosts of heaven”
- _____ (vs. 4-5)—while Ahaz put one false altar in the Temple, Manasseh installed several.
- Monstrous (vs. 6)—he practiced infant _____
- Meddling (vs. 6)—he began to meddle in the _____
- _____ (vs. 16)—he shed much innocent blood, referring to the slaughter of righteous people and the practice of infant sacrifice

II. HIS GRIEVOUS _____ (2 KINGS 21:10-15, 17-18)

- Two aspects of God’s judgment upon Manasseh and Judah for their sins:
 - _____ (vs. 10-15): God announced through His prophets that He had determined ultimate _____ upon nation.
 - _____ (vs. 17-18): Judah was defeated by Assyria and Manasseh was imprisoned in _____.

II. HIS GODLY _____ (2 CHRON. 33:10-20)

- While he was in prison, Manasseh _____ of his sins and received God’s mercy.
- Application: None of us _____ the mercies of God, yet God delights to grant mercy to guilty sinners (Ps. 86:5, Isa. 55:7, Eph. 2:4).
- Three aspects of true repentance highlighted in our text:
 - The _____ of repentance (vs. 18) = the Word of God
 - The root of repentance (vs. 12) = a _____ heart
 - The fruit of repentance = a changed _____ (Matt. 3:8, 2 Cor. 7:11)
- Application to our nation: On this Fourth of July weekend, we should tremble at our national accountability to God for the shedding of _____ blood and other sins.
 - We know _____ is coming; only God knows if He will favor us with one more revival before He makes an end of us.

- Our part should be to be crying out to God for such a revival and living right ourselves.
- Application to believers: If struggling with _____, come to your senses, humble yourself, and prayerfully ask for God’s fresh mercies and grace (Jam. 4:6, Isa. 66:2b).
- Application to the unsaved: Manasseh is a picture of where every one of us would be without _____.
 - To receive God’s help, we must repent of our sins, believe God’s Word, and _____ His Son as our personal Savior (Acts 3:19, 16:31).