What Lies Beneath?

Greg Kline · 2 Chronicles 33:1–17

INTRODUCTION

- The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor will the father suffer for the iniquity of the son.
- 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.
- What 2 Chronicles chapter 33 teaches us, among other lessons that we will examine shortly, is that we can all turn to God.

1 God Expects Obedience

2 Chronicles 33:8; Deuteronomy 28

- If only they will be careful to do all that I have commanded them. It was contingent upon doing the will of God.
- Great blessings if you will serve me. But if you do not serve me, you will be cursed.
- Will God punish? Yes. Do we know that? Yes, because the Word of God reveals it to us.
- God expects obedience. He expects a submission to his will.

2 No One Is Too Far Gone

1 Timothy 2:3–6; Acts 22:6–16; 2 Chronicles 33:12–13

- It is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- If the heart is sincere, God has shown time and again he will respond.
- Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.
- If Manasseh can be forgiven, if Paul or Saul can be forgiven, I can too.
- Have the understanding that God's grace applies to them just as much as I would like it to apply to me if we will serve God.

3 We Are Not Blinded by the World

1 John 2:15–17; Matthew 6:24

- Like King Manasseh was, we need to make sure that we are not blinded by the world.
- Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
- The point is we must choose who we will serve. We cannot love the world.
- Isn't that not how we should live every day, knowing that without God we have no hope?
- When he committed to God, he radically changed his life.

4 Recognize Our Need for God and Be Humbled

James 4:4–10

- We need to recognize our need for God and be humbled.
- God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.
- Humble yourself before the Lord, and he will exalt you.
- That humility comes from one place and one alone. And it's an understanding of who God is versus where I am without Him.
- We don't reach a point where we stop needing God.
- Because if I always need God, I am always serving God.

5 We Need to Serve God

Deuteronomy 6:5

- I think the bottom line is that we need to serve God.
- You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.
- A Christian is someone who loves the Lord, serves the Lord with all our heart, all our soul, and all our might.

THE CHALLENGE

Taking the story of King Manasseh is very encouraging because it means I can change. But it's also a great challenge because it means I must radically follow God. If Manasseh can do it and God can forgive him, then we should too.

MY NOTES