

THE LOST BOOK.

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INTRO.:

A. Read the text: 2 Kings 22:8-11.

B. Regarding the text:

1. God's book was lost in God's house (the temple).
 - 1) Written by Moses. (**Deuteronomy 31:24-27**).
 - 2) Found by Hilkiah, the priest. (**Vs. 8**).
 - 3) Read to Josiah by Shaphan, the scribe.
2. Today God's book can get lost in God's house (the church).
 - 1) Lost to the hearts and lives of many.
 - 2) Lost to the preaching of some.
 - 3) Lost to the practices of many.
3. God's book led young King Josiah to take ***three decisive actions***:

I. IT LED JOSIAH TO CHANGE HIS OWN LIFE.

A. He confessed his and nation's sins (2 Kings 22:11-13; 23:3; cf. 1 John 1:9).

B. He took a firm stand for the truth found in God's book.

1. This meant that he turned from his former position.
2. He rejected his father's position (**2 Kings 21:19-20**).
3. He set out to change the nation's religious practices (**2 Kings 22:13**).

II. IT LED JOSIAH TO DESTROY THE FALSE RELIGION.

A. He destroyed idolatry.

1. In the temple (**2 Kings 23:4-7**)
2. In the nation (**2 Kings 23:8-24**).
3. One cannot love truth and ignore error (**Matthew 6:24**).

B. The New Testament is our guide to destroy error (2 Corinthians 10:4-5).

1. Destroy by exposure and teaching, not by physical force (**Jude 3-4**).
2. Every error must be (**Titus 1:10-11**).
 - 1) Man-made doctrines and creeds (**Mark 7:7**).
 - 2) False teaching from brethren (**2 John 9-10**).
3. Truth and error are not compatible (**Ephesians 5:11; 2 Corinthians 6:14**).

III. IT LED JOSIAH TO RESTORE TRUE RELIGION.

A. 2 Kings 23:24-25.

B. Josiah's "restoration movement" was a move back to the Bible (Vs. 21).

1. OUR PLEA TODAY: Back to the Bible for it all.
2. Insist on doing Bible things in Bible ways.

C. Josiah's "restoration movement" was unique for its time (Vs. 22-23).

1. We must be more interested in truth than conformity to established practice.
2. We must realize that ancient truth can be strange to modern religionists.

D. Josiah's "restoration movement" caused him to go down in history as a great king.

IV. CONCLUSION:

A. Let us once again find the Book of God.

B. Let us have the courage to change and conform to the Book of God.

C. Let us have the courage to destroy error instead of compromising with it.

D. Let us go back to the Bible for all our faith and practice.