



Mighty in the Word

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (I Cor. 1.18).

Edifying the Body of Christ (Eph. 4.10-16)

The Wise Still Seek Him

*of the
Lord
Jesus Christ*

Vol. XV.04

No King Like Him

Yet, the Lord did not Prevent Him

Was Josiah's life taken because of the sin of Judah? Does the Lord allow a life to be taken when the sin is upon another, walking in their own way, thus, mocking the Lord's servant?

And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there *[any]* like him.

Notwithstanding the LORD turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations that Manasseh had provoked him withal.

And the LORD said, I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there.

Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, *[are]* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

In his days Pharaohnechoh king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates: and king Josiah went against him; and he slew him at Megiddo, when he had seen him.

And his servants carried him in a chariot dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own sepulchre. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's stead (II K 23.25-30).

As I read this, I had to ask the Lord to help me understand. Why? Why would the Lord allow a King that loved Him, a king that turned to the Lord with all his heart and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses – be slain in a war?

Then it came to me, Why would God bless a country when the people were not following the Lord, were not walking with the king who loved the Lord God Almighty. How many times do people act like they are agreeing with someone in order to receive from them, when, in fact, they have no use for that person or their godly way of life.

And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there *[any]* like him.

The question is, Do we have faith in the Lord God to guide us through it all, seeking to walk with Him through it all – come what may? Are we ready to live or die for the Lord as was King Josiah?

2Ki 22:20 **Behold therefore, I will gather thee [Josiah] unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.**

There is an old hymn, "Are You Ready – for that day to come?" We project "that day to come" to be "In the Sweet By and By;" however, the sweet by and by may be soon, and very soon.

Are you walking in obedience to the Lord

And

Are you ready?

Mrs. Bettie L. Lowery, M.R.E., Deaconess The Rev. Mrs. Dr. C. S. Cole, Pastor, Ret.
Co-laborers together for Jesus Christ

Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

Notwithstanding the LORD turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations that Manasseh had provoked him withal

Note that in the following verse.

And the LORD said, I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there.

The Lord's anger was at Judah as they had walked in disobedience to the Lord as had Israel. The Lord God does not tolerate those who are playing games in their lives, who have no desire to live a godly life, who are walking in deceit, those who have no desire to walk in the holiness of the Lord God, those who are good at putting on an act that is false, who are living a lie before others. However, no one can deceive the Lord God Almighty, no person, no country.

Read carefully the following with your heart, seeking what the Lord is saying to you.

2Ki 22:12 And the king [Josiah] commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the king's, saying,

2Ki 22:13 Go ye, enquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great /is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.

2Ki 22:14 So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went unto Hulda the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college;) and they communed with her.

2Ki 22:15 And she said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me,

2Ki 22:16 **Thus saith the LORD**, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, [even] all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read:

2Ki 22:17 **Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.**

2Ki 22:18 But to the king of Judah which sent you to enquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, [As touching] the words which thou hast heard;

2Ki 22:19 Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the LORD, when thou hearest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard /thee], saith the LORD.

2Ki 22:20 **Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.**

This is powerful, the experience of King Josiah who followed the Lord, knowing what lay ahead of him. He did not tarry one moment with the enemy, the people who followed the gods of this world. He was strong in the Lord. Read II Kings 22 and 23 and experience the anger of the Lord God against His people who walk in disobedience, who desecrated the temple, the place of worship with the ungodly and also the ungodly priests (II K 23.5 ff).

I find it interesting that his mother's name is mentioned and her heritage.

Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, [that] Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign.

Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also /was/ Abi, the daughter of Zachariah.

And he did /that which was/ right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father did.

He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan.

He trusted in the LORD God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor /any/ that were before him.

For he clave to the LORD, /and/ departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses.

And the LORD was with him; /and/ he prospered whithersoever he went forth: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not. II K 18.1-7 ff.

Where can that be said of any leader of the United States of America – or used to be, I should say. Where can that be said of those leading the state owned churches – as all are, I believe, today – uh, that relationship is out of a need of "tax breaks" for the – "churches." Some years ago, I attempted to write a book on the state churches. It was rejected as I heard said and saw written to me that God is merciful, and this book was not kind. I was not sure these people had ever read the Bible.

Though I may be of the few who see the relationship the churches have with the government, I continue believing that this nation, and the churches, have sold out to the world. I believe we shall see some gigantic turning events that will bring some of us to our knees as never before, crying out to the Lord God of Israel.

We wrote a *Message* concerning fearing the Lord God. As I reflect upon King Josiah and the time in which he reigned, and the hard decisions he made because of his love for the Lord God, I believe there was fear knowing how the nation had walked against the Lord God Almighty. Do not forget that when the children of Israel went into captivity, do not forget that it was not just the ones who blatantly walked in disobedience to the Lord; it was the nation that went into captivity.

Know that we are all culpable because we who love the Lord have also failed in standing for the Holy Word as we should. WE have not prayed as we should. We have too long shrugged our shoulders and said, "There is nothing I can do." WE have not come together as one in the Lord Jesus Christ seeking His will, seeking what He wants of each of us as one in Christ Jesus. I wonder if the *churches* have taken notice or have heard from the Lord God, have concerned themselves with what lies before us. I have to ask if most have shrugged their shoulders and said, oh, everything is alright. Nothing is going to happen for a long time in the future. I hear people say they believe it will all come generations in the future.

Some say they are concerned for their grandchildren, but – after all, "There is nothing I can do," they say. Oh, I recall as a young child, the all night prayer meetings in which we young children sat with our parents and also prayed. We were not sent off to do something else or to be entertained; nor were we given over to baby sitters. We sat with our parents and prayed.