

**GOD CAN TURN
ANY LIFE AROUND**

2 CHRONICLES 33:1-18

Do We Need A Turnaround Specialist?

God Is In The Business Of Turnarounds

Isaiah 61:1-4

1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

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Isaiah 61:1-4 - continued

3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

4 And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

KING MANASSEH

I. Manasseh Needed A Turnaround

A. He did not respect the position God gave him

2 Chronicles 33:1-2

1 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem:

2 But did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, like unto the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.

I. Manasseh Needed A Turnaround

B. He did not respect the righteousness that his father had done

2 Chronicles 33:3

For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down, and he reared up altars for Baalim, and made groves, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.

I. Manasseh Needed A Turnaround

C. He did not respect the house of God

2 Chronicles 33:4-5

4 Also he built altars in the house of the LORD, whereof the LORD had said, In Jerusalem shall my name be for ever.

5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD.

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D. He did not respect the commandments of God

2 Chronicles 33:6-8

6 And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

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D. He did not respect the commandments of God

2 Chronicles 33:6-8 - continued

7 And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever:

8 Neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers; so that they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses.

I. Manasseh Needed A Turnaround

E. He did not respect the people or word of God

2 Chronicles 33:9-10

9 So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, and to do worse than the heathen, whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel.

10 And the LORD spake to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hearken.

II. Manasseh Had A Defining Moment

2 Chronicles 33:11-12

11 Wherefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon.

12 And when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers,

A. Captivity got his attention

B. Contrition brought him to God

Psalm 34:18

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

III. Manasseh Had A Definite Turnaround

2 Chronicles 33:13

And prayed unto him: and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he was God.

A. He experienced the restoration of God

B. He knew the reality of God

III. Manasseh Had A Definite Turnaround

C. He realized the danger from physical enemies

2 Chronicles 33:14

Now after this he built a wall without the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entering in at the fish gate, and compassed about Ophel, and raised it up a very great height, and put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah.

III. Manasseh Had A Definite Turnaround

D. He realized the danger from spiritual enemies

2 Chronicles 33:15

And he took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the LORD, and in Jerusalem, and cast them out of the city.

Psalm 7:10

My defence is of God, which saveth the upright in heart.

III. Manasseh Had A Definite Turnaround

E. He realized the necessity of worshipping God

2 Chronicles 33:16-17

16 And he repaired the altar of the LORD, and sacrificed thereon peace offerings and thank offerings, and commanded Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel.

17 Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, yet unto the LORD their God only.

IV. Did The Turnaround Last?

2 Chronicles 33:18

Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of the seers that spake to him in the name of the LORD God of Israel, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel.

HAS GOD TURNED
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FOR GOOD?